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**A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far away....**

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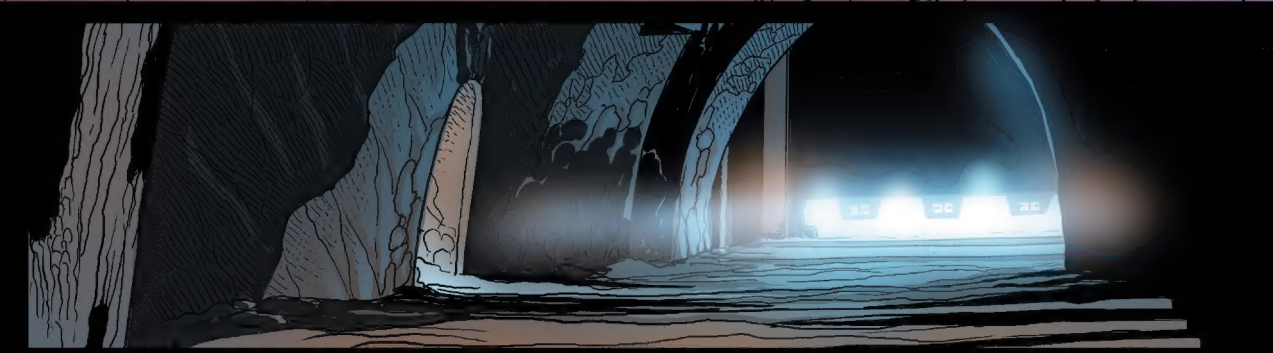
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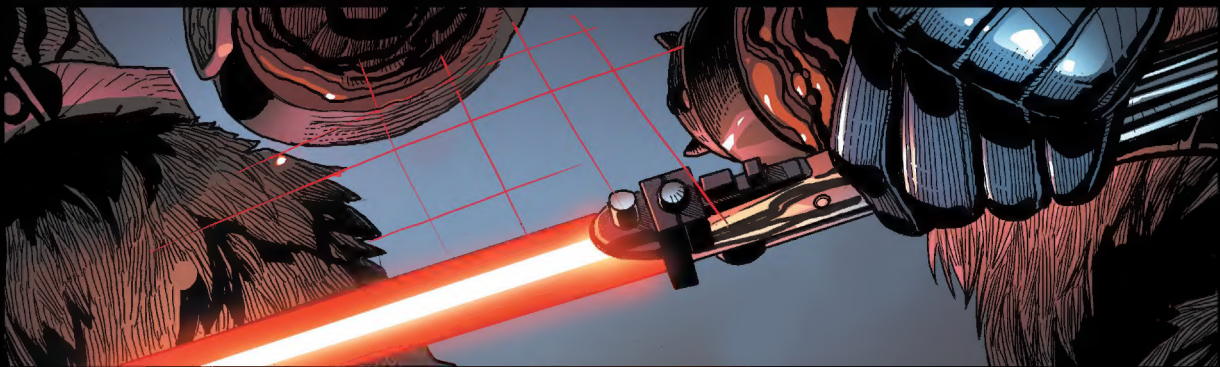
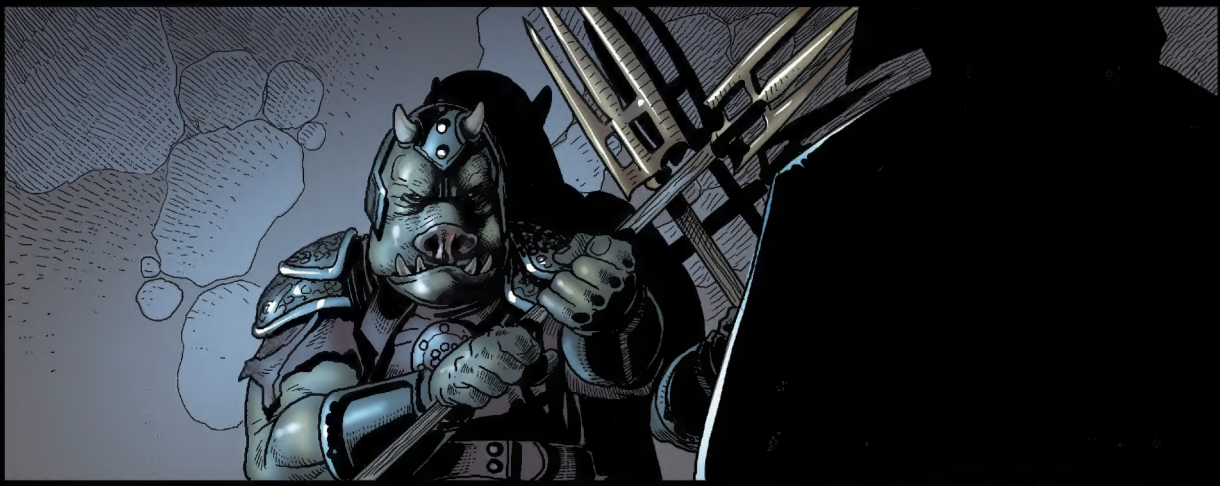
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It is a period of insurgence. Rebel spaceships, striking from a hidden base on a moon of Yavin, have won a shocking surprise victory against the rightful reign of the Galactic Empire.

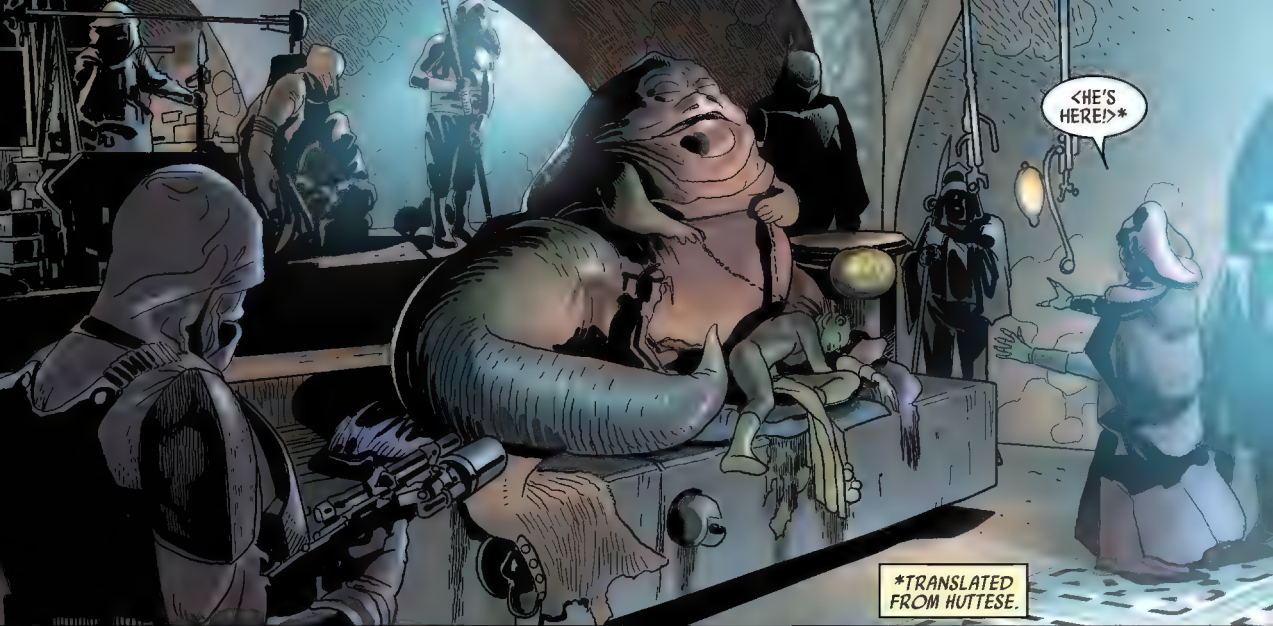
The Empire's ultimate peacekeeping force, THE DEATH STAR, was destroyed due to an unforeseen design flaw. Without this deterrent, the rule of law is in danger. Chaos looms!

For the nineteen years after the vanquishing of the Jedi and his painful rebirth on volcanic Mustafar, Sith Lord DARTH VADER has faithfully served his master. But now, he has failed the Emperor and must pay the price....















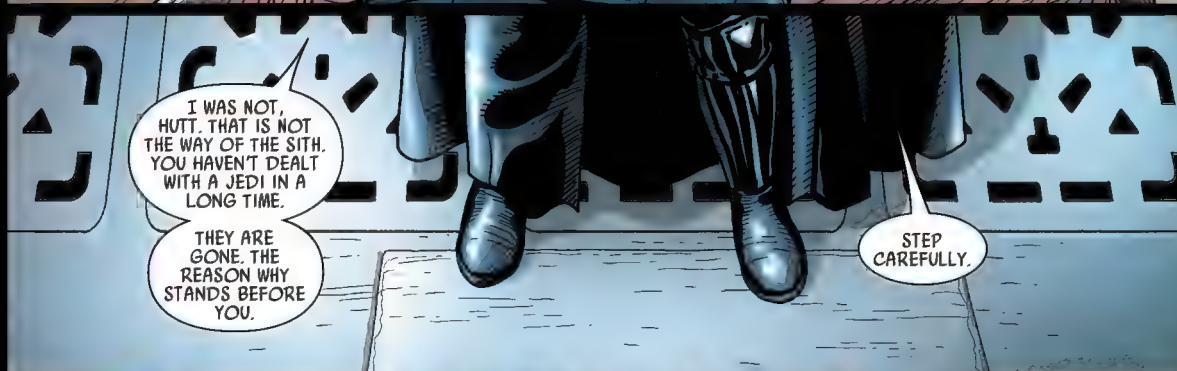
I WILL RETURN HERE TOMORROW IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

THIS IS A PERSONAL ISSUE, AND WILL END TO MY SATISFACTION.



<HEH. DO NOT EVEN THINK TO TRY TO PERFORM A MIND TRICK.>

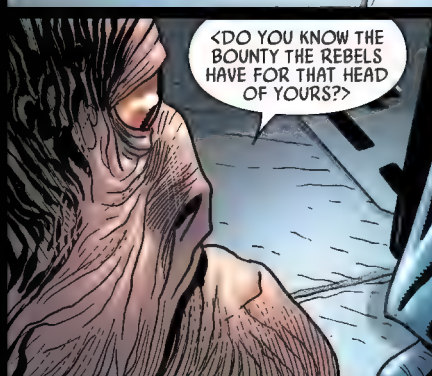
<THEY DO NOT WORK ON THE GREAT JABBA.>



I WAS NOT, HUTT. THAT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE SITH. YOU HAVEN'T DEALT WITH A JEDI IN A LONG TIME.

THEY ARE GONE. THE REASON WHY STANDS BEFORE YOU.

STEP CAREFULLY.



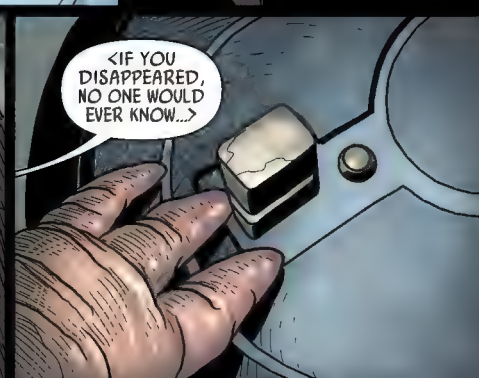
<DO YOU KNOW THE BOUNTY THE REBELS HAVE FOR THAT HEAD OF YOURS??>



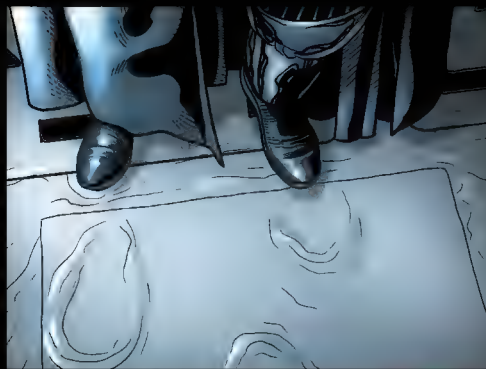
<WHAT THE...DARKER FACTIONS ALONE OFFER SHOULD BE A COMPLIMENT TO YOU, VADER...>



<THE EMPEROR'S BLUDGEON, ALONE, IN SECRET...>



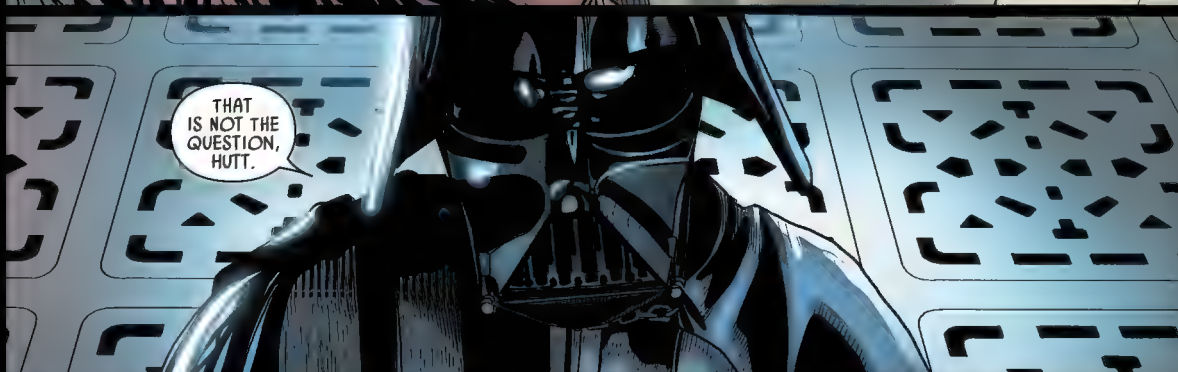
<IF YOU DISAPPEARED, NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW...>



<HMM. I
SEE YOU KNOW
ENOUGH TO STEP
CAREFULLY. BUT
TELL ME...>



<...ARE YOU
BRAVE OR
FOOLISH.>



THAT
IS NOT THE
QUESTION,
HUTT.

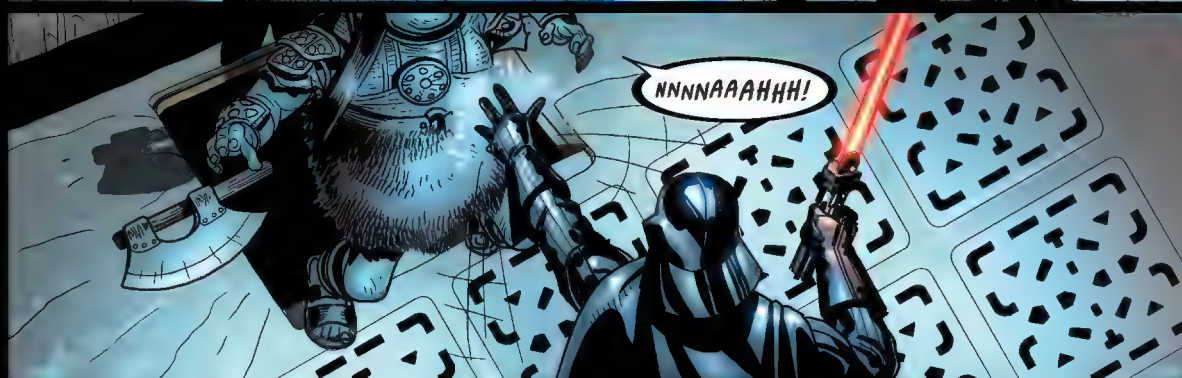
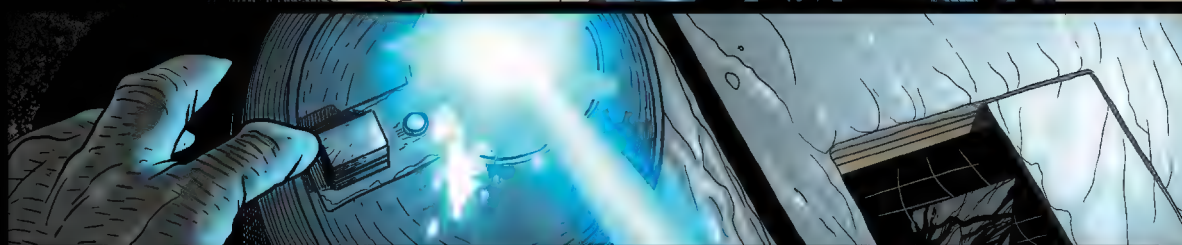
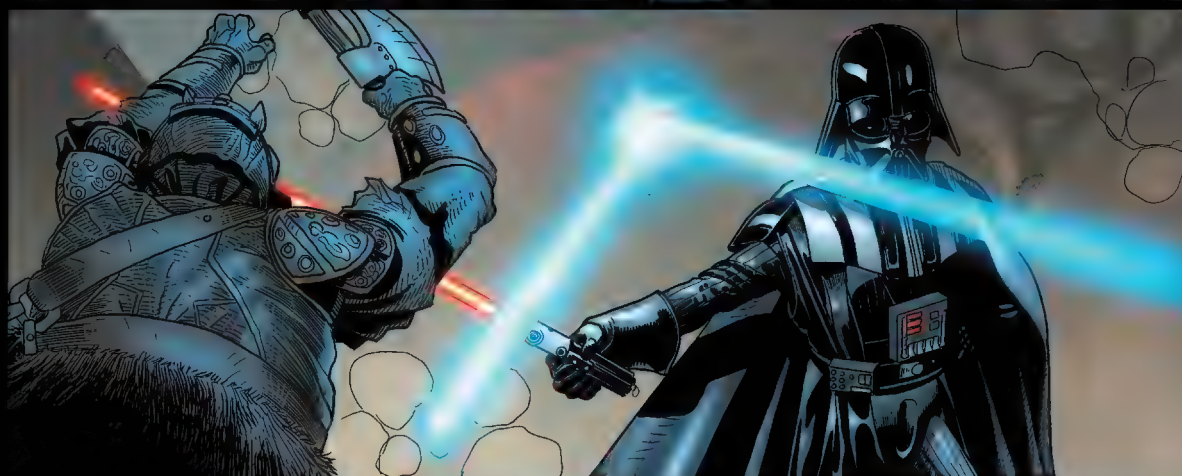


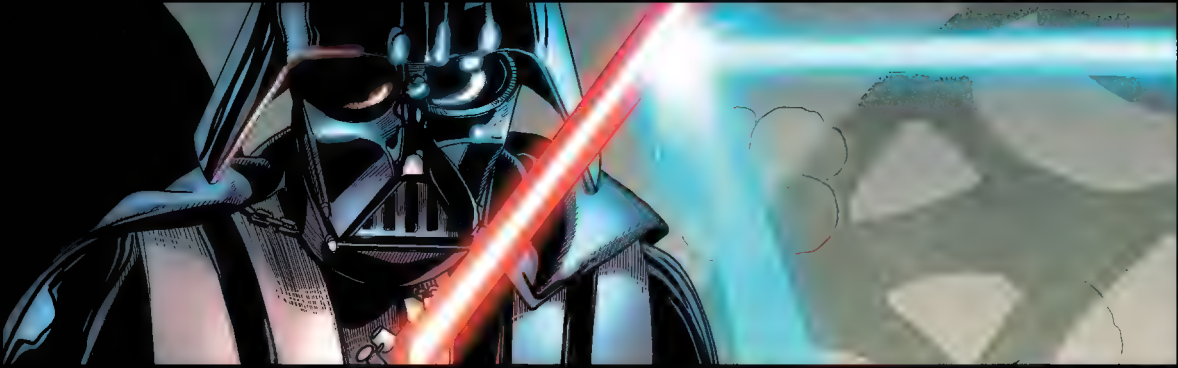
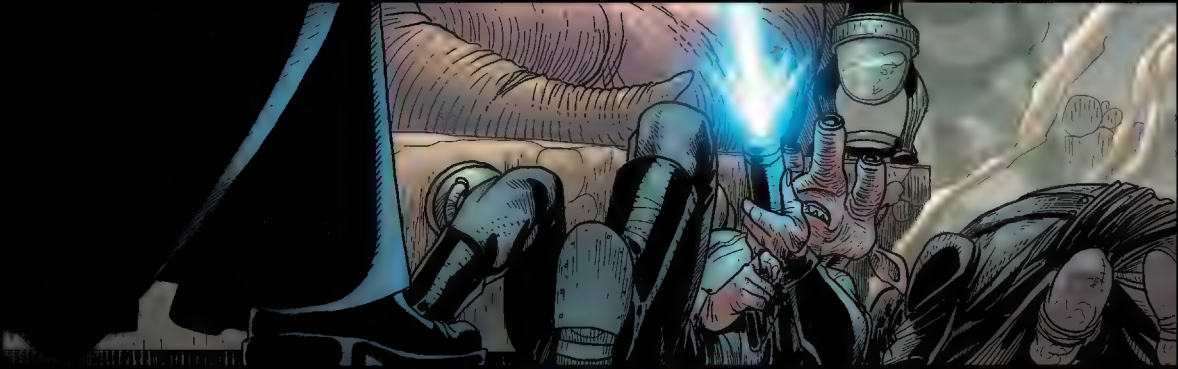
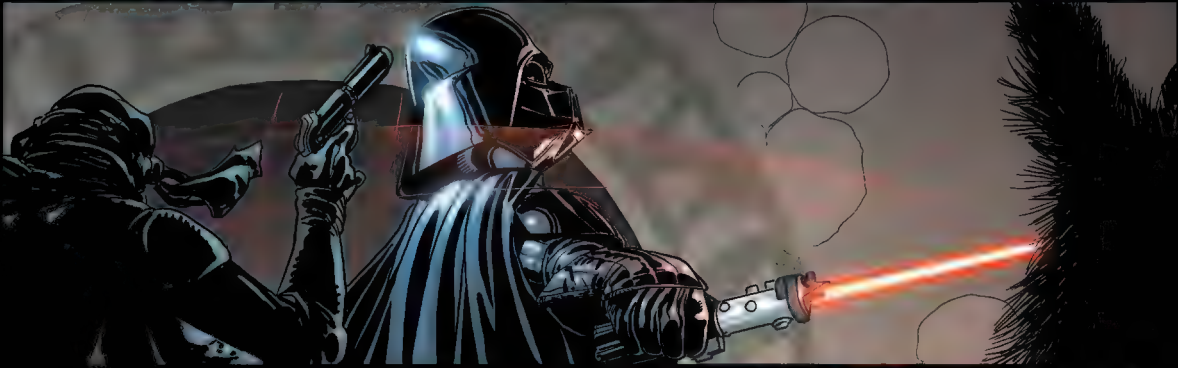
THE
QUESTION
IS: ARE
YOU?

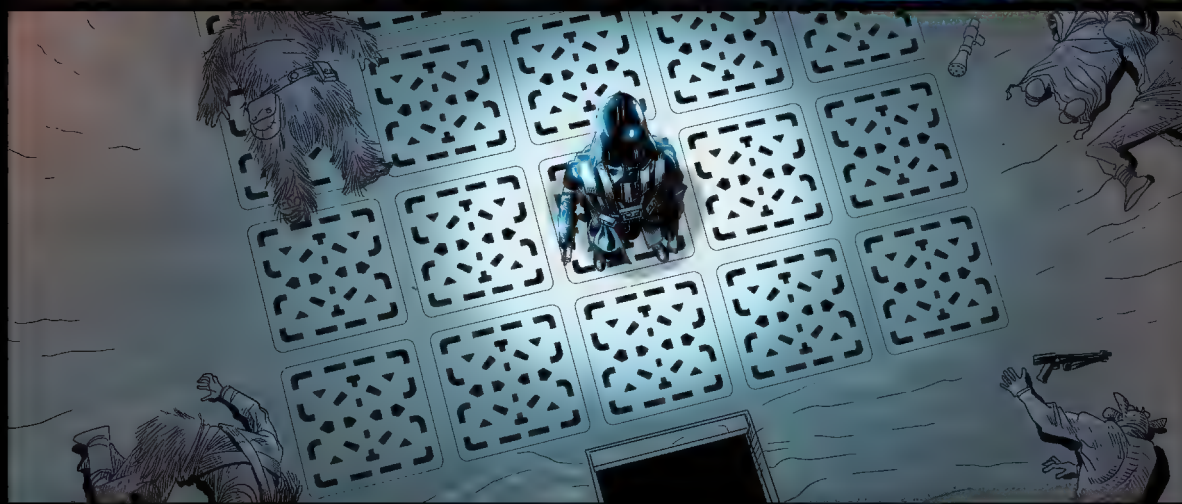


<OH,
JEDI!...>









<LORD
VADER. LET
US NOT BE
HASTY...>

YOU
CALLED ME
A JEDI. YOU
KNOW
NOTHING.

MIND
TRICKS ARE
NOT OF THE
DARK SIDE.





WE
PREFER
FORCE.



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?



<YES.>



<YOU DRIVE A...HARD
BARGAIN.>

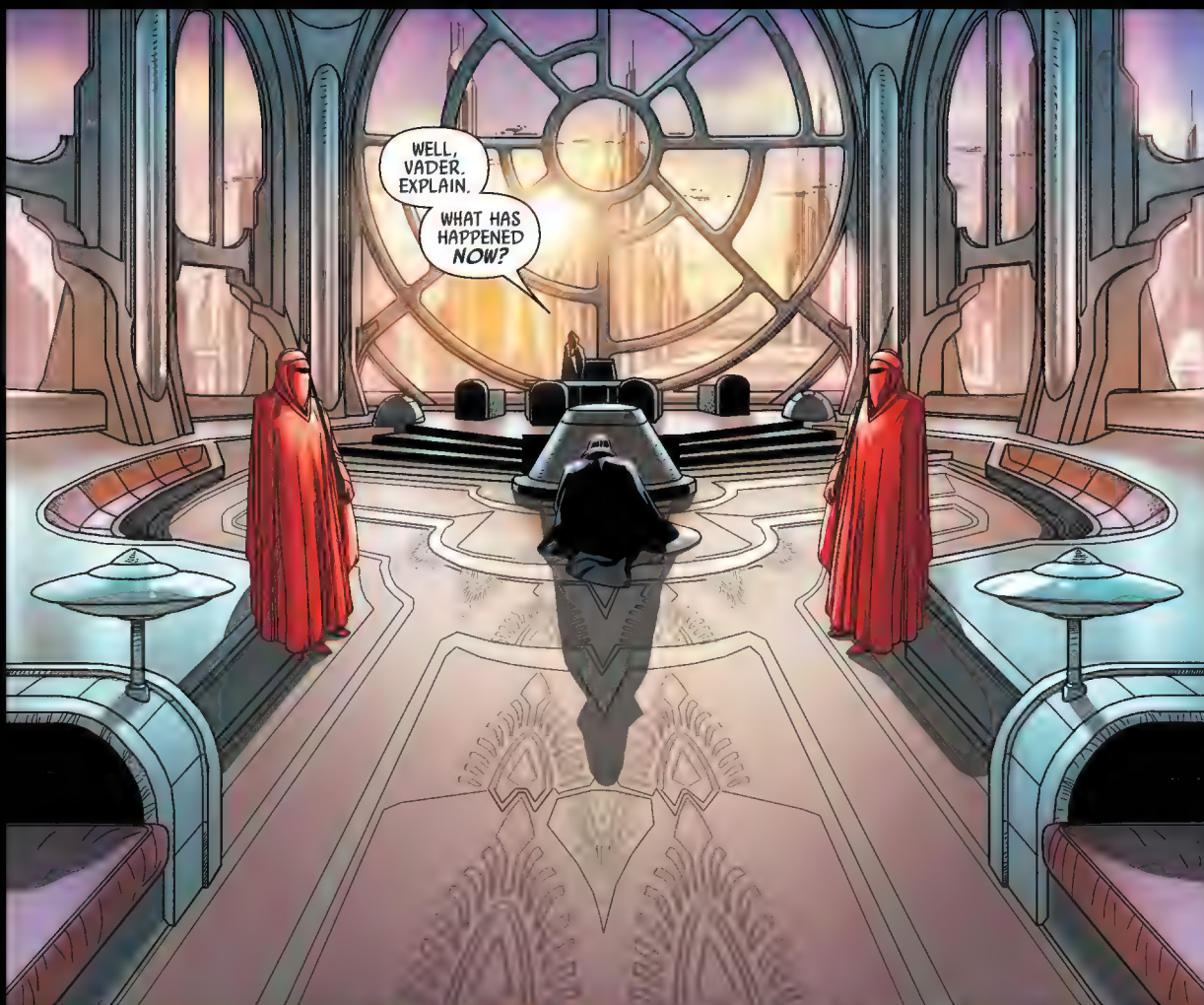
<IT IS
DIFFICULT NOT
TO RESPECT
THAT.>



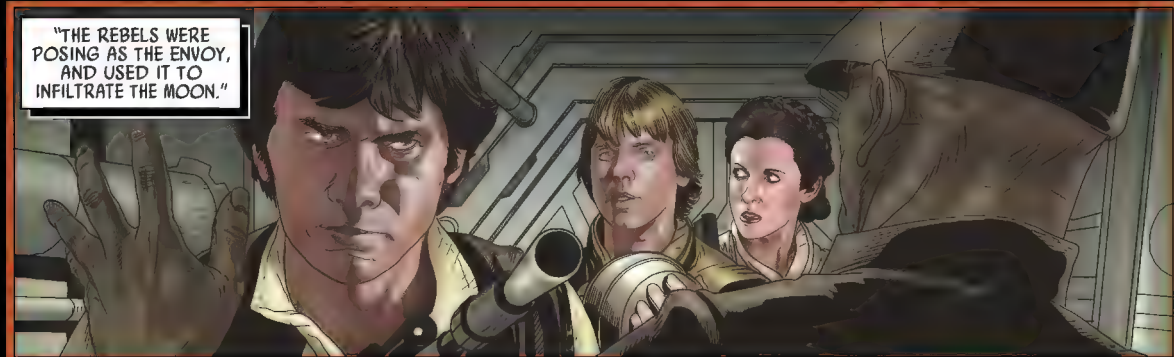
BETTER.

THIS
IS WHAT
I NEED...

One Day Earlier The Imperial Palace, Coruscant



"THE REBELS WERE
POSING AS THE ENVOY,
AND USED IT TO
INFILTRATE THE MOON."



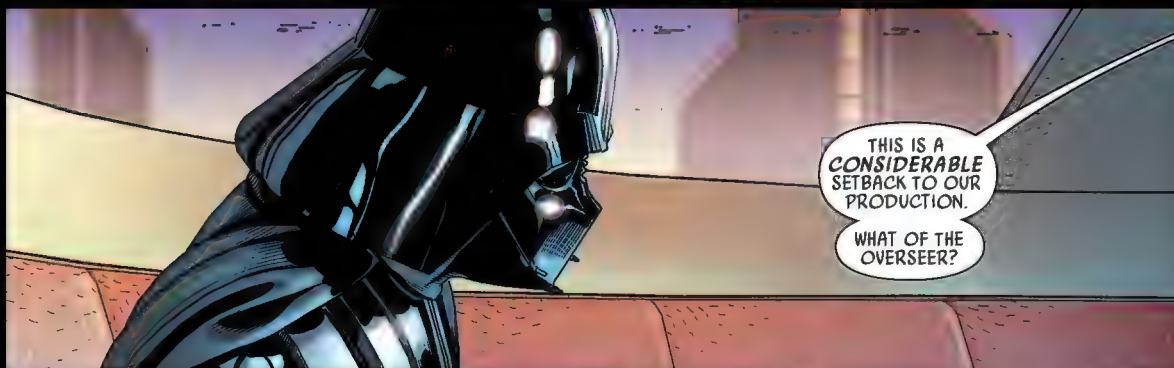
THEY TORTURED
THE OVERSEER INTO
REVEALING THE BASE'S
CODES, THEN ATTEMPTED
DESTROYING THE
CORE REACTOR.



"THEY HAD...
A CERTAIN
SUCCESS."

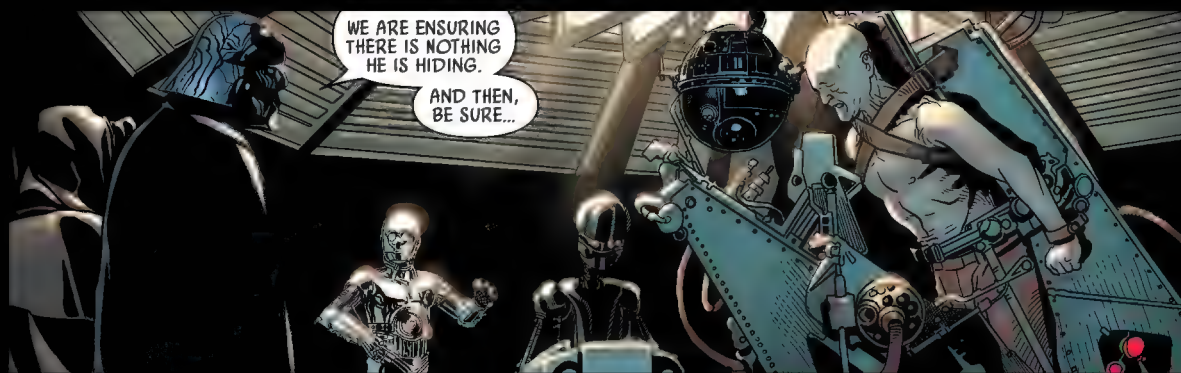


THIS IS A
CONSIDERABLE
SETBACK TO OUR
PRODUCTION.
WHAT OF THE
OVERSEER?



I BROUGHT
AGGADEEN
WITH ME.
I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD
LIKE TO HEAR HIM
YOURSELF.





WE ARE ENSURING
THERE IS NOTHING
HE IS HIDING.

AND THEN,
BE SURE...

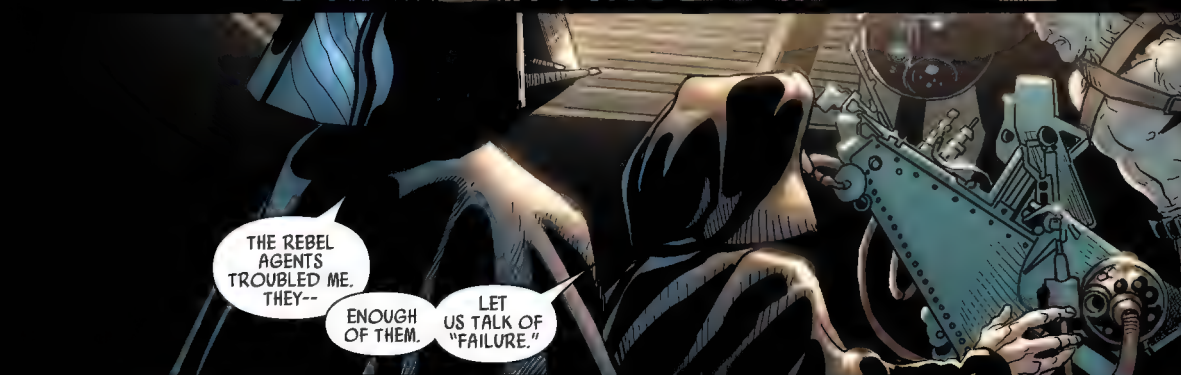
...OVERSEER
AGGADEEN WILL
NOT FAIL US
AGAIN.



THE REBEL
AGENTS
TROUBLED ME.
THEY--

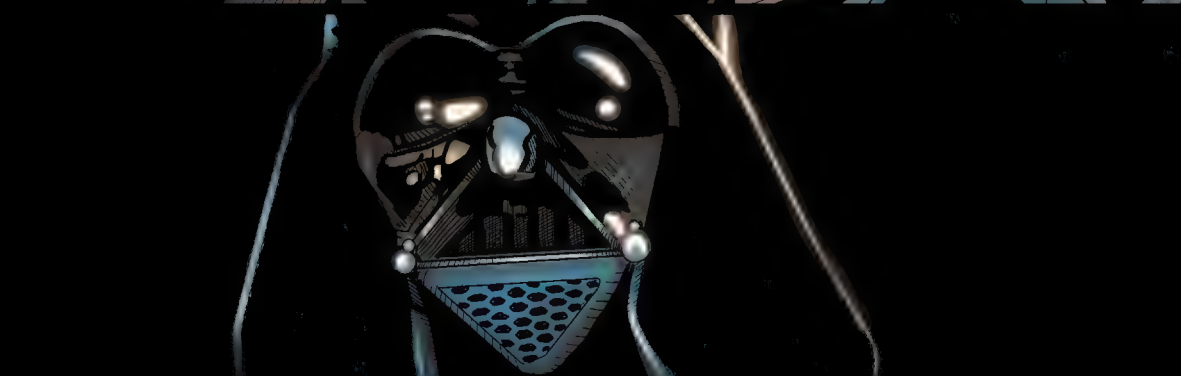
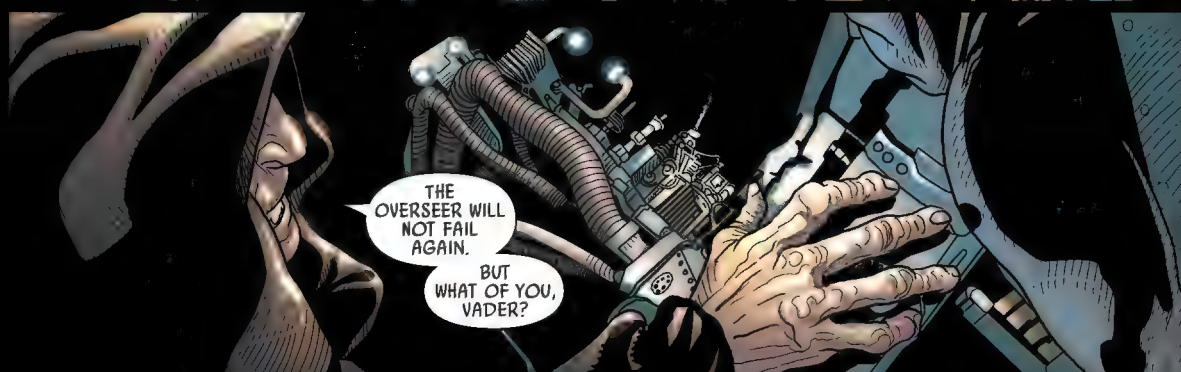
ENOUGH
OF THEM.

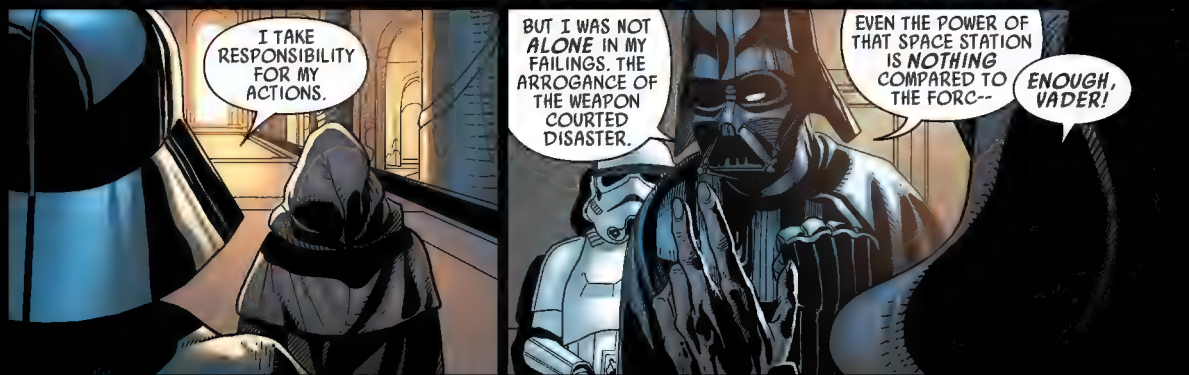
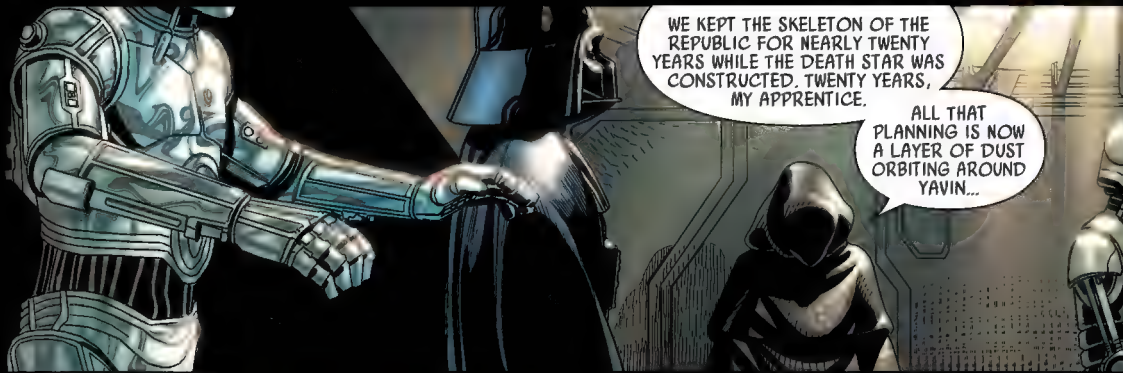
LET
US TALK OF
"FAILURE."



THE
OVERSEER WILL
NOT FAIL
AGAIN.

BUT
WHAT OF YOU,
VADER?







YES, TARKIN, MOTTI
AND THE OTHERS
SHARE THE
BLAME.

BUT YOU
ARE THE ONLY
ONE STILL LIVING
TO SUFFER MY
ANGER.



YOU, AN ISOLATED
SURVIVOR OF THE GREATEST
MILITARY DISASTER IN ALL
MY EMPIRE'S HISTORY?

OH, YOU ARE
TRULY THE CHOSEN
ONE, VADER. CHOSEN
TO BE THE ONE
RESPONSIBLE.



I WILL
MAKE IT
RIGHT.

I WILL
CRUSH THE
REBELS.

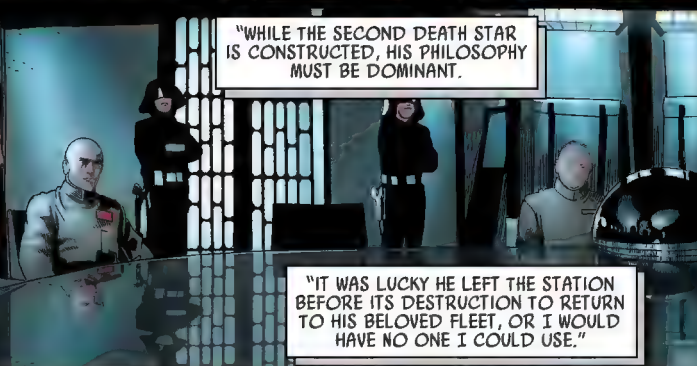


NO.
I THINK
NOT.

YOU THINK
YOURSELF SO
CLEVER, BUT HAVE
PROVED YOURSELF
A BLUNT INSTRUMENT,
FAR BETTER TO BE
WIELDED THAN
TO WIELD...



"...TAGGE ALWAYS ARGUED AGAINST THE
ARROGANCE OF THE DEATH STAR AS A
SOLE WEAPON. HE ALONE WAS PROPERLY
WARY OF THE REBELS' THREAT.



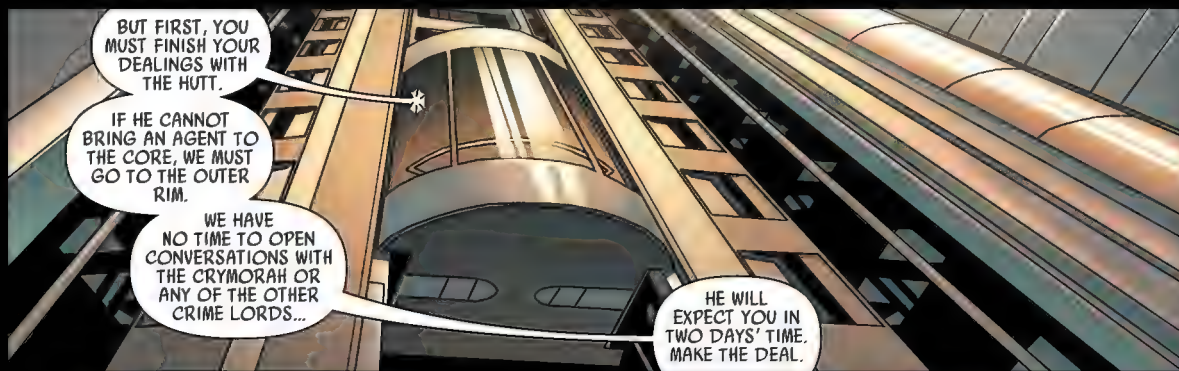
"WHILE THE SECOND DEATH STAR
IS CONSTRUCTED, HIS PHILOSOPHY
MUST BE DOMINANT.

"IT WAS LUCKY HE LEFT THE STATION
BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION TO RETURN
TO HIS BELOVED FLEET, OR I WOULD
HAVE NO ONE I COULD USE."



HE IS
TO ASSUME
PRIMACY.

YOU
WILL ACT
ACCORDING
TO HIS WILL.



BUT FIRST, YOU
MUST FINISH YOUR
DEALINGS WITH
THE HUTT.

IF HE CANNOT
BRING AN AGENT TO
THE CORE, WE MUST
GO TO THE OUTER
RIM.

WE HAVE
NO TIME TO OPEN
CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE CRYMORAH OR
ANY OF THE OTHER
CRIME LORDS...

HE WILL
EXPECT YOU IN
TWO DAYS' TIME.
MAKE THE DEAL.



I AM NOT
ACCUSTOMED TO
"HAGGLING."



THEN IT
IS TIME YOU
HAD SOME
PRACTICE.

IT IS A
PASSING PHASE WE MUST
ENDURE. EVENTUALLY THE
EMPIRE WILL CLAIM THE OUTER
RIM. IT IS NOT WITHOUT
PRECEDENTS TO GO TO
THE PERIPHERY TO
SECURE THE CENTER.

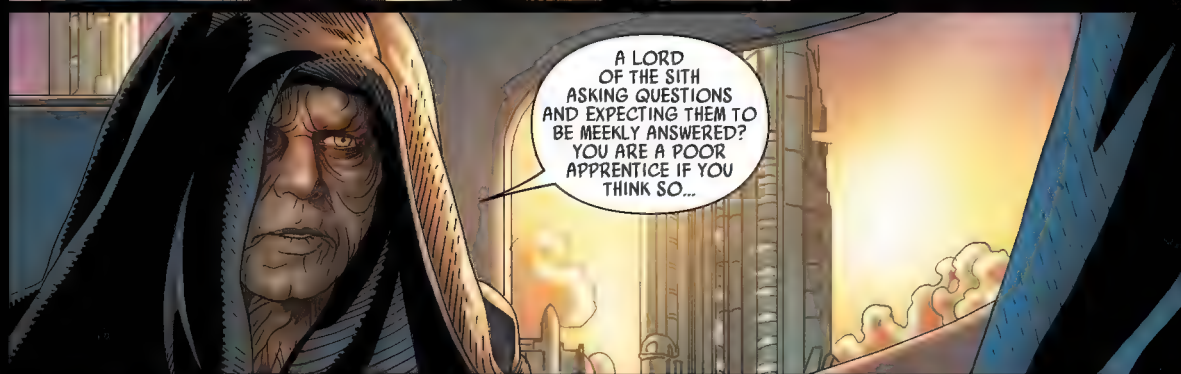


BESIDES, LORD VADER...
A TRIP TO TATOOINE?
I'M SURE IT WILL BE
SENTIMENTAL...



...AH, YES.
GOOD.

I WAS
EXPECTING
YOU.

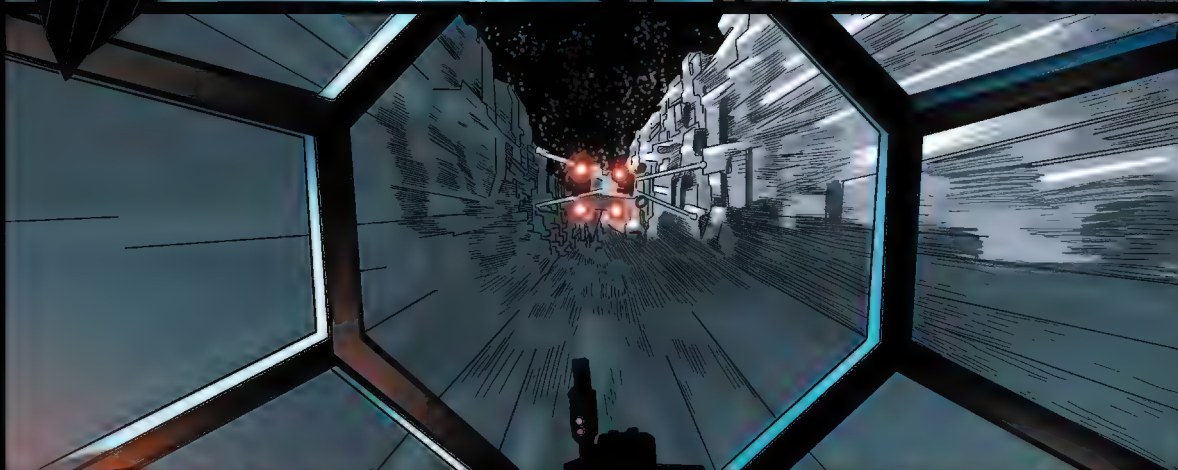




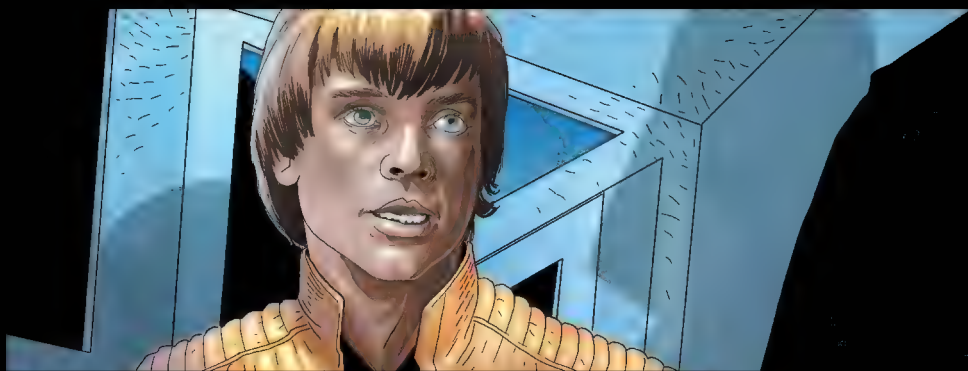
WHO WAS
HE, LORD
VADER?

AN OLD MAN
WHO THOUGHT
HE COULD HELP
GIFTED CHILDREN.

HE WAS
MISTAKEN.



THE FORCE
IS STRONG
WITH THIS
ONE.



I WAS THERE, ON THE DEATH STAR. I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO HIM.

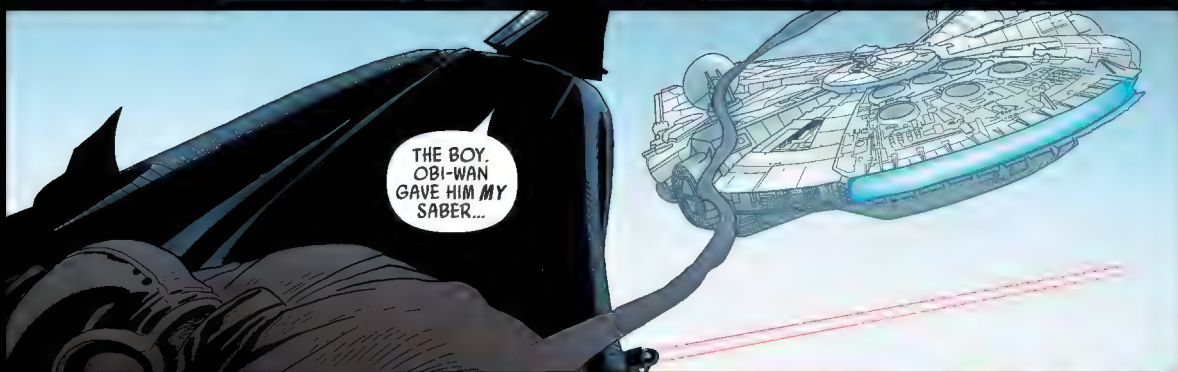
YOU KILLED **MASTER KENOBI**!!



WAIT...THIS LIGHTSABER...

I KNOW THIS WEAPON.

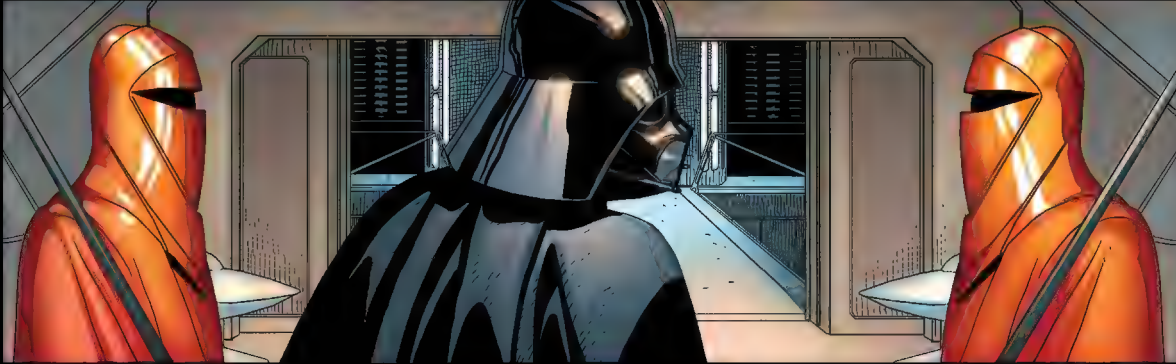
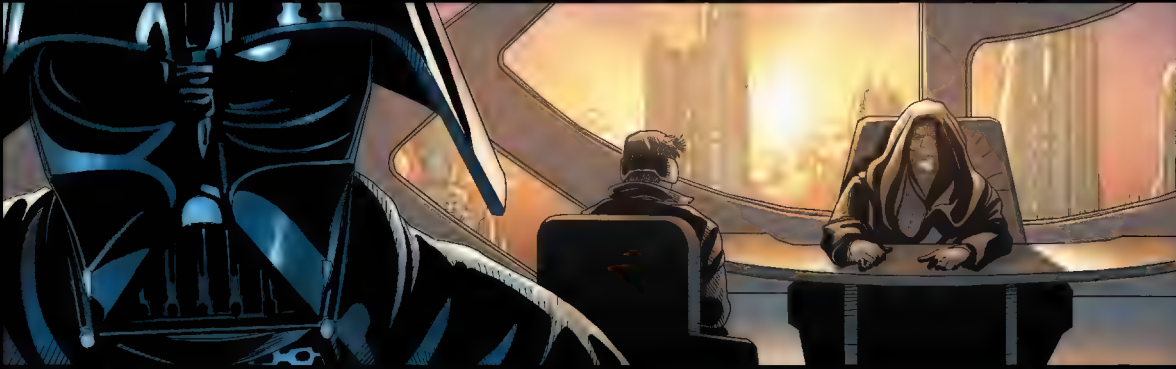
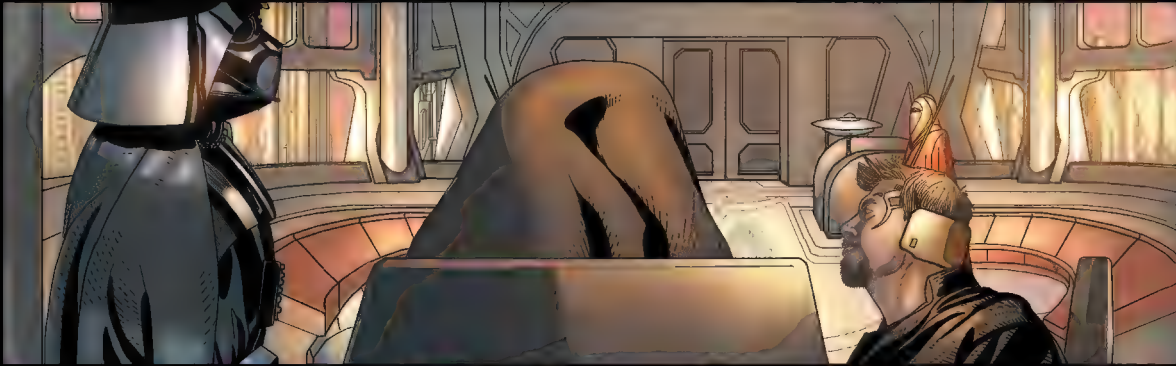
THIS ONCE BELONGED TO--



THE BOY, OBI-WAN GAVE HIM MY SABER...



NOTHING TO TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH, MASTER.





I'VE
SET COURSE,
SIR.



WE NEED TO
TRAVEL ACROSS THE
RIM TO COLLECT THE TRADE
GOODS, BUT WE'LL STILL BE
BACK TO TATOOINE IN
GOOD TIME FOR THE
MEETING, SIR.

TAKE ME
TO TATOOINE
FIRST, THEN GO
AND COLLECT WHAT
WE NEED, THEN
RETURN.



THAT
EXTENDS THE
JOURNEY, SIR. TO
HIT THE DEADLINE,
THE ENGINES--

WILL
ONLY BE A
PROBLEM IF YOUR
ENGINEERS ARE
SUBSTANDARD.



ARE YOU
ADMITTING YOUR
CREW IS
SUBSTANDARD?

IF SO, YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT REFLECTS MOST
POORLY ON YOUR
COMMAND.



WE'LL
BE THERE,
SIR.

GOOD.
NOW LEAVE
ME...

...I WOULD
MEDITATE.

One Day Later



HHRRRRRRRR!

GIVE
US THE
MISSION.

YOU'LL
SEE.

TO C.J.

THERE IS AN
X-WING PILOT. HE...
KNEW AN OBI-WAN
KENOBI.

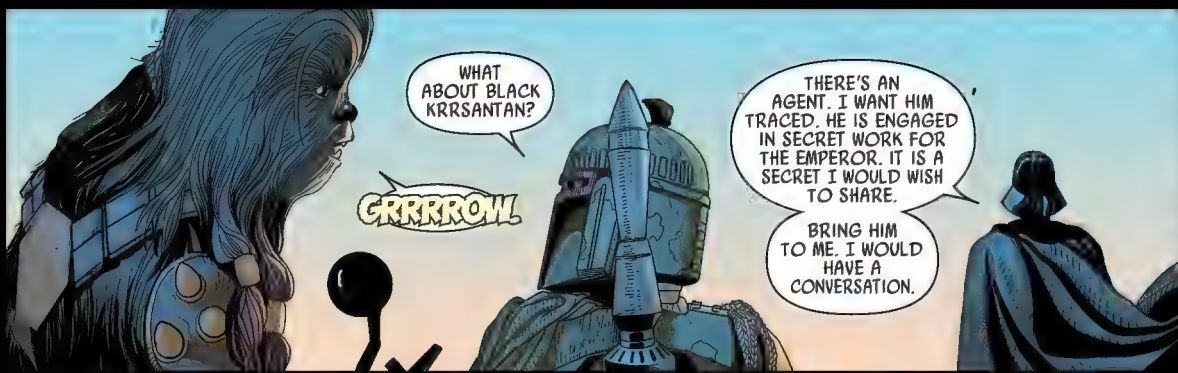
HE LEFT THIS
PLANET ABOARD
A SMUGGLING VESSEL
CALLED THE
MILLENNIUM
FALCON.

I KNOW
THE SHIP.

DEAD OR
ALIVE?

ALIVE.

I HAVE
NEED OF
HIM.



...AND ALL
MY PRESENT
BUSINESS IS
CONCLUDED.



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Due to his responsibility for the disaster, Darth Vader has fallen in the eyes of Emperor Palpatine. Grand General Tagge is to command the response to the Rebellion.

Unknown to the Emperor, Vader is quietly pursuing his own interests: the mysterious Force-strong pilot who destroyed the Death Star....

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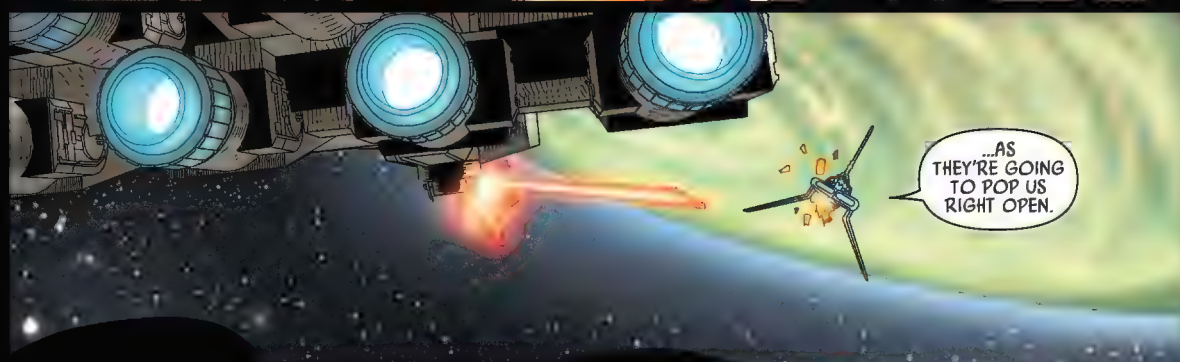
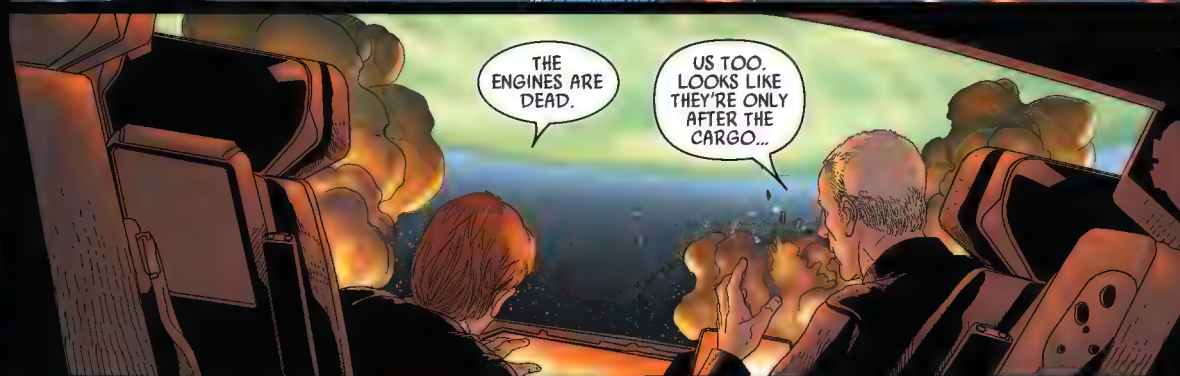
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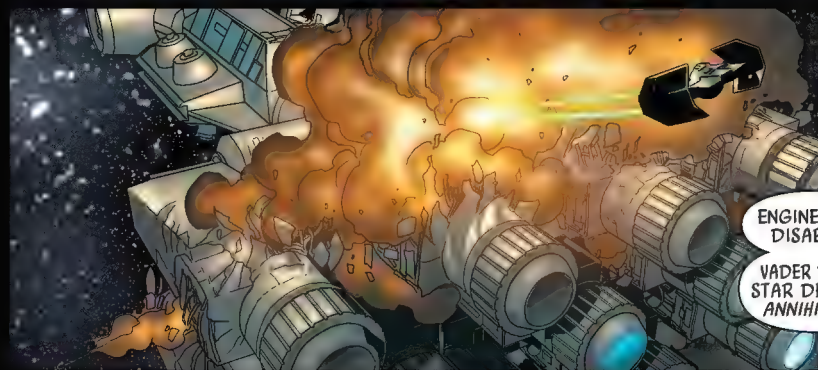
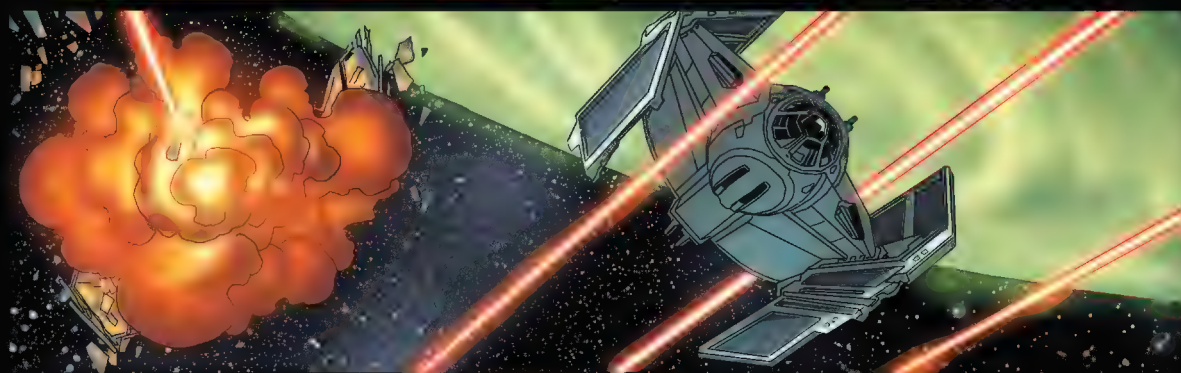
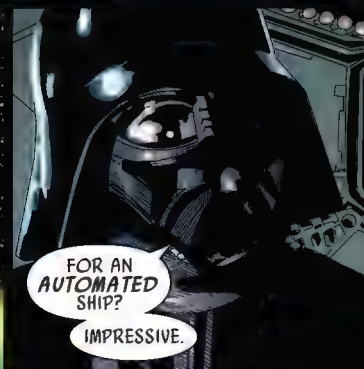
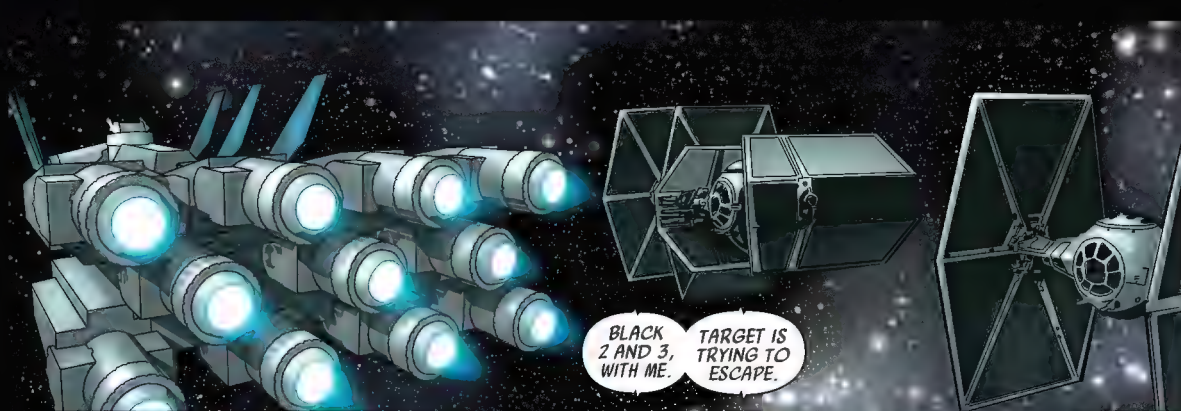




TORPEDO
DESTROYED.



HAVE
FAITH.





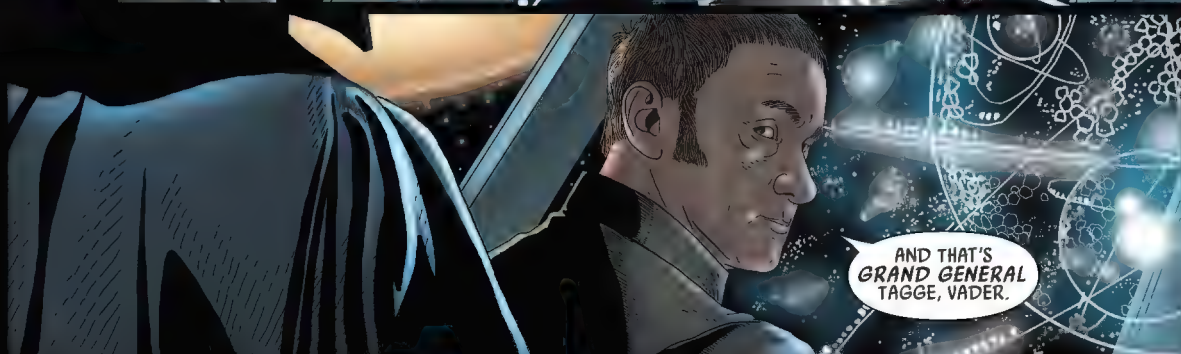
I CAPTURED
THE PIRATE
CORVETTE. IT WAS,
AS SUSPECTED,
ROBOTIC.

AND HIGH-
QUALITY ROBOTICS
AS WELL. **EXTREMELY**
WELL SUPPLIED. THESE
ARE NO FOOLS,
TAGGE.

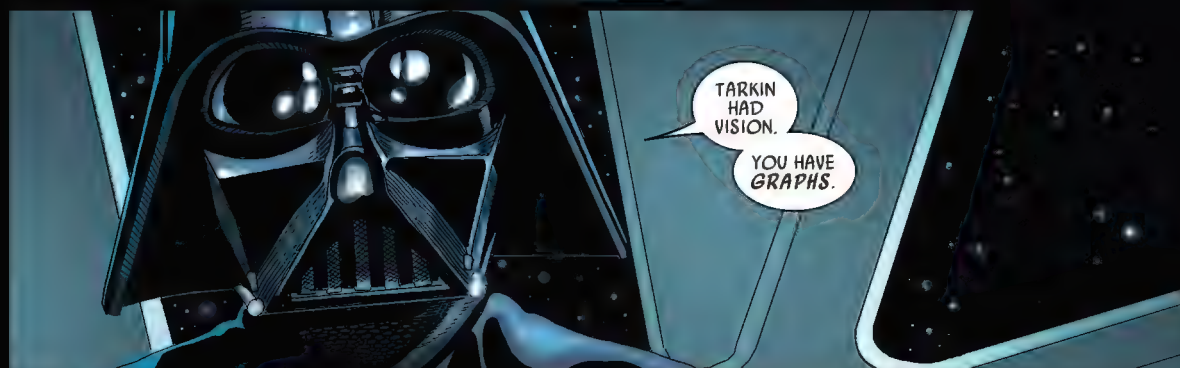
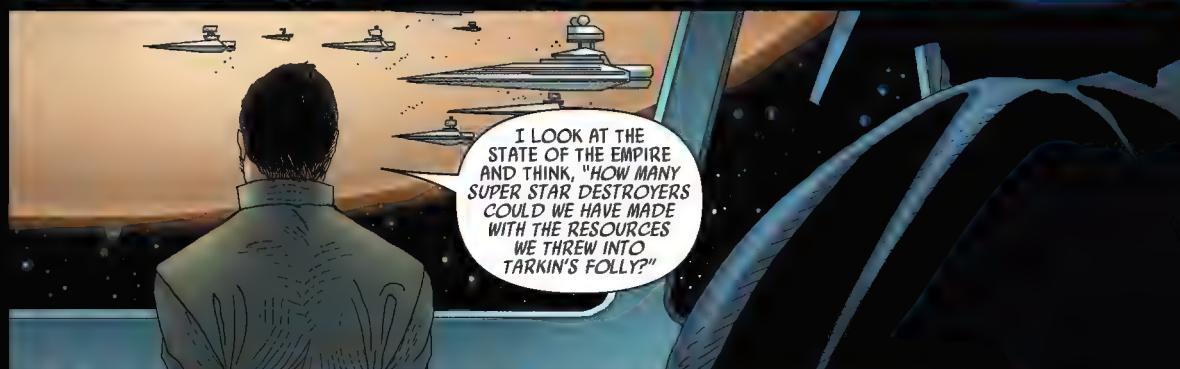
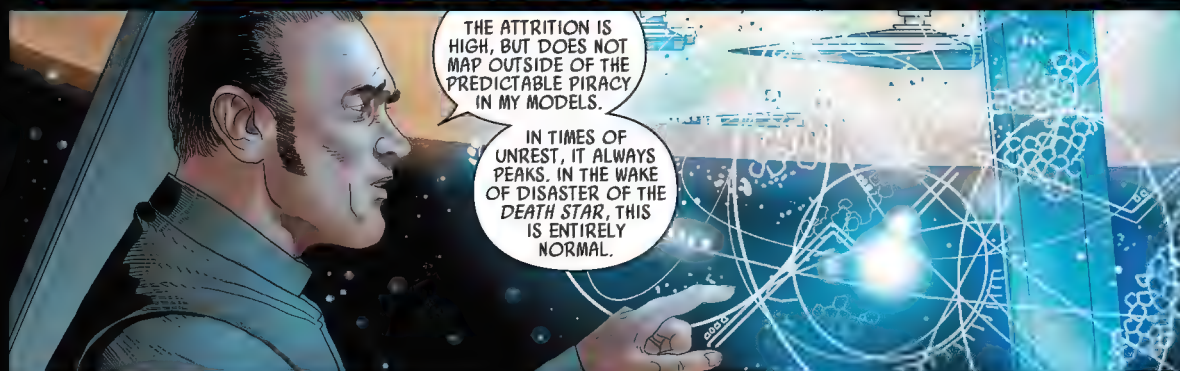
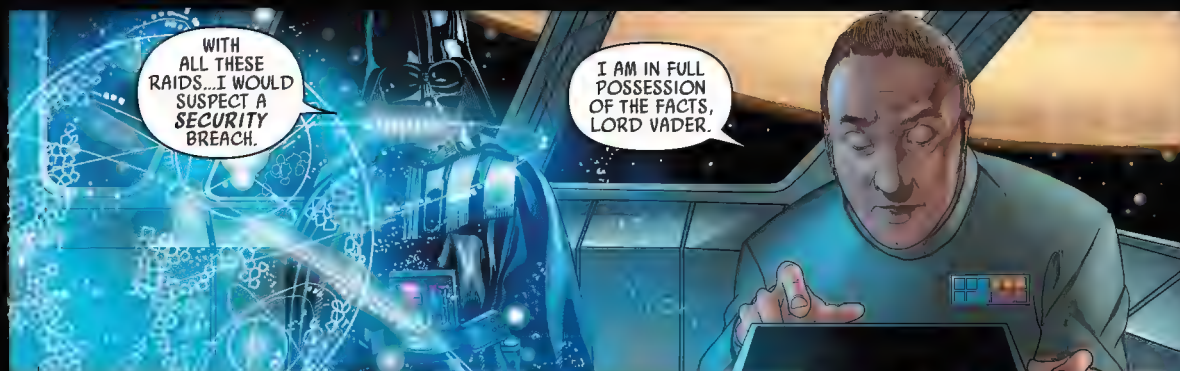


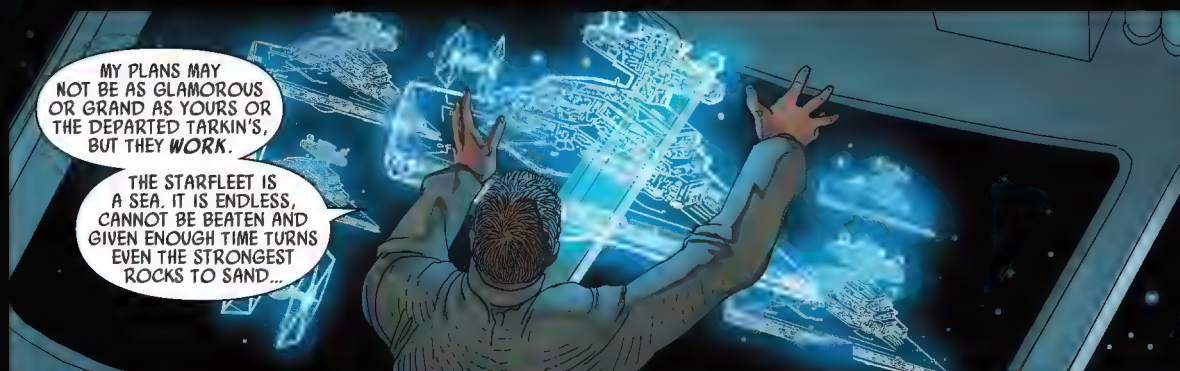
THEN IT'S ALL
THE MORE URGENT WE
FIND THE SOURCE OF
THESE RAIDS.

IT HARDLY
DOES THE EMPIRE
GOOD FOR YOU TO HAVE
SECURED SUPPLIES FROM
THE HUTT FOR THESE
RAIDERS TO STEAL
THEM FROM US.



AND THAT'S
GRAND GENERAL
TAGGE, VADER.





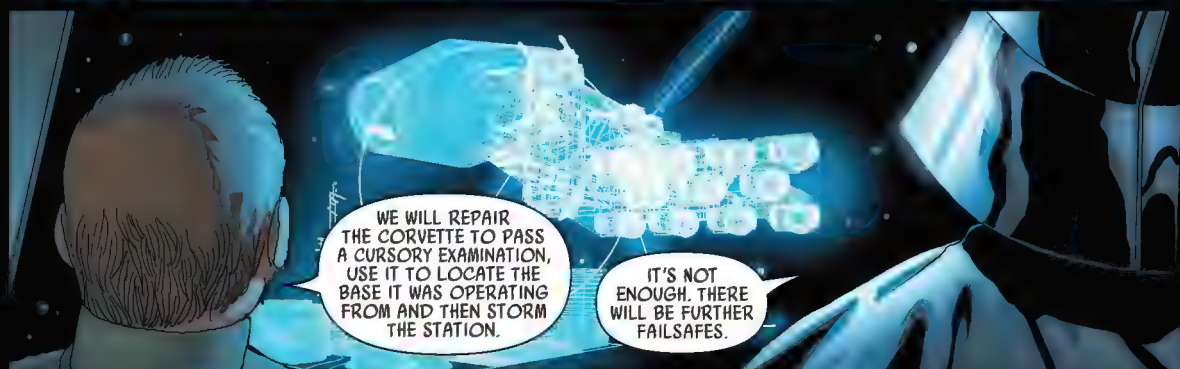
MY PLANS MAY NOT BE AS GLAMOROUS OR GRAND AS YOURS OR THE DEPARTED TARKIN'S, BUT THEY WORK.

THE STARFLEET IS A SEA. IT IS ENDLESS. CANNOT BE BEATEN AND GIVEN ENOUGH TIME TURNS EVEN THE STRONGEST ROCKS TO SAND...



...OUR LARGER PLANS CANNOT BE BASED AROUND ANY INDIVIDUAL ASSET. NOT A DEATH STAR. NOT YOU, VADER.

SUCH ASSETS ARE BEST USED, IF YOU PARDON THE PHRASE, AS A **FORCE MULTIPLIER**.



WE WILL REPAIR THE CORVETTE TO PASS A CURSORY EXAMINATION, USE IT TO LOCATE THE BASE IT WAS OPERATING FROM AND THEN STORM THE STATION.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH. THERE WILL BE FURTHER FAILSAFES.



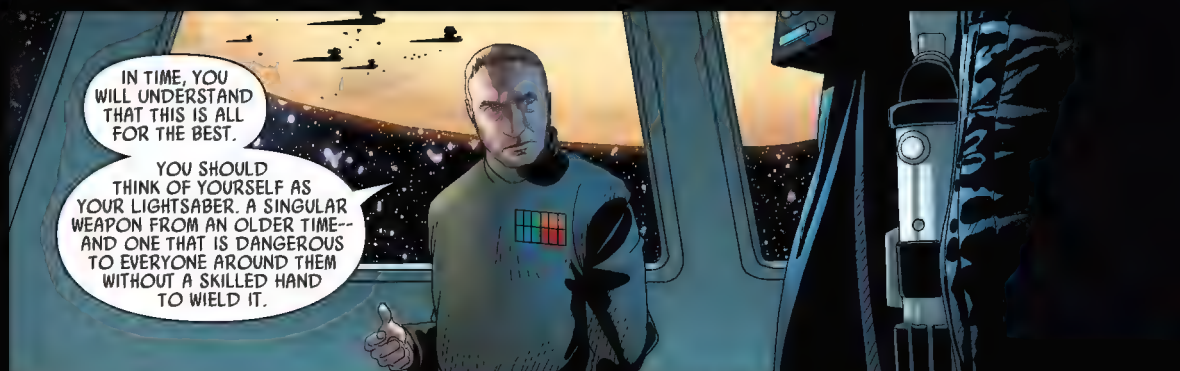
IF THE BASE IS TAKEN, IT WILL BE SET TO SELF-DESTRUCT.

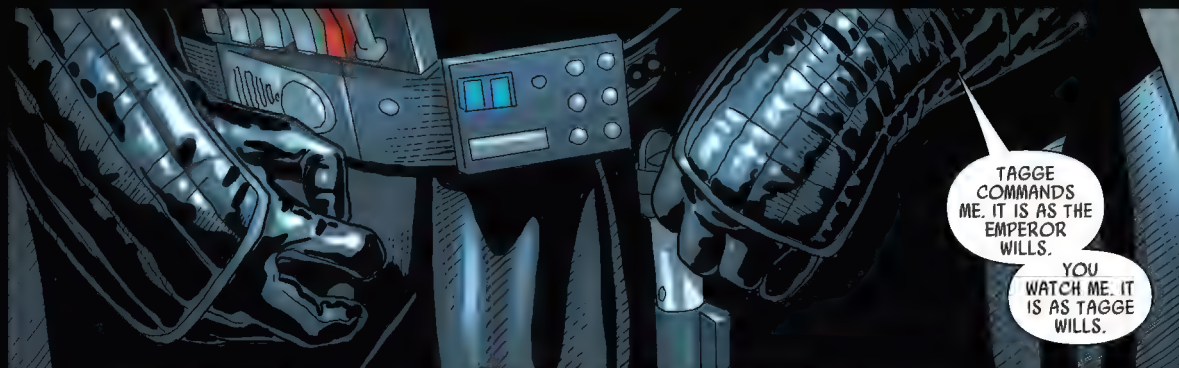
WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS WILL SACRIFICE A FINGER TO AVOID THE EMPIRE'S WRATH DESCENDING ON THEIR WHOLE BODY.

I WOULD AGREE, LORD VADER. IT'S WHY THE TEAM MUST SECURE THE INFORMATION BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.



WHICH IS WHY I AM SENDING OUR GREATEST WARRIOR TO HEAD THE MISSION.







"...MY PATIENCE
IS NOT WITHOUT
ITS LIMITS."

HMM.
INTERESTING. VERY
INTERESTING.



YOU SEEM
PARTICULARLY
OBSESSED WITH
THE MINUTIAE OF
MY WORK.

I WOULD
THINK YOUR
TIME BETTER SPENT
PREPARING FOR
OUR MISSION.



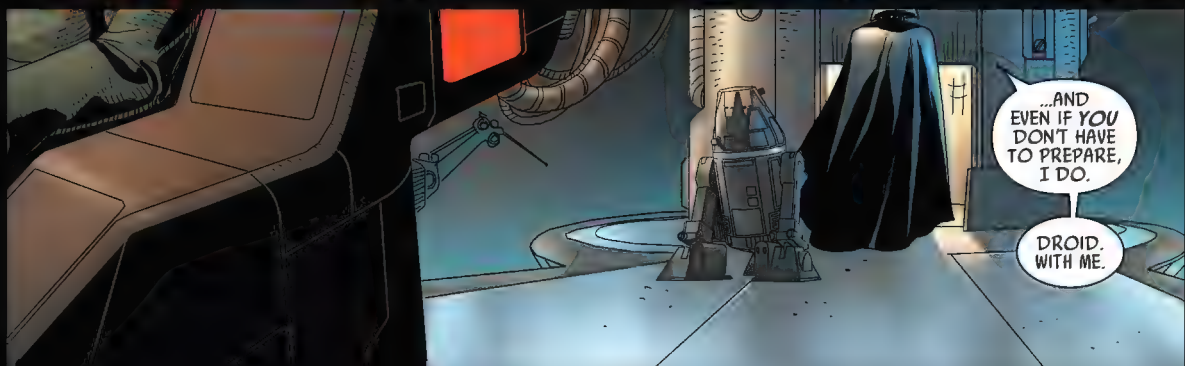
THAT'S
YOUR MISSION,
LORD VADER.
THIS IS MINE.

...THERE'S SOME
COMMUNICATIONS
LOGGED WITH A
BOUNTY HUNTER.
A BOBA FETT...



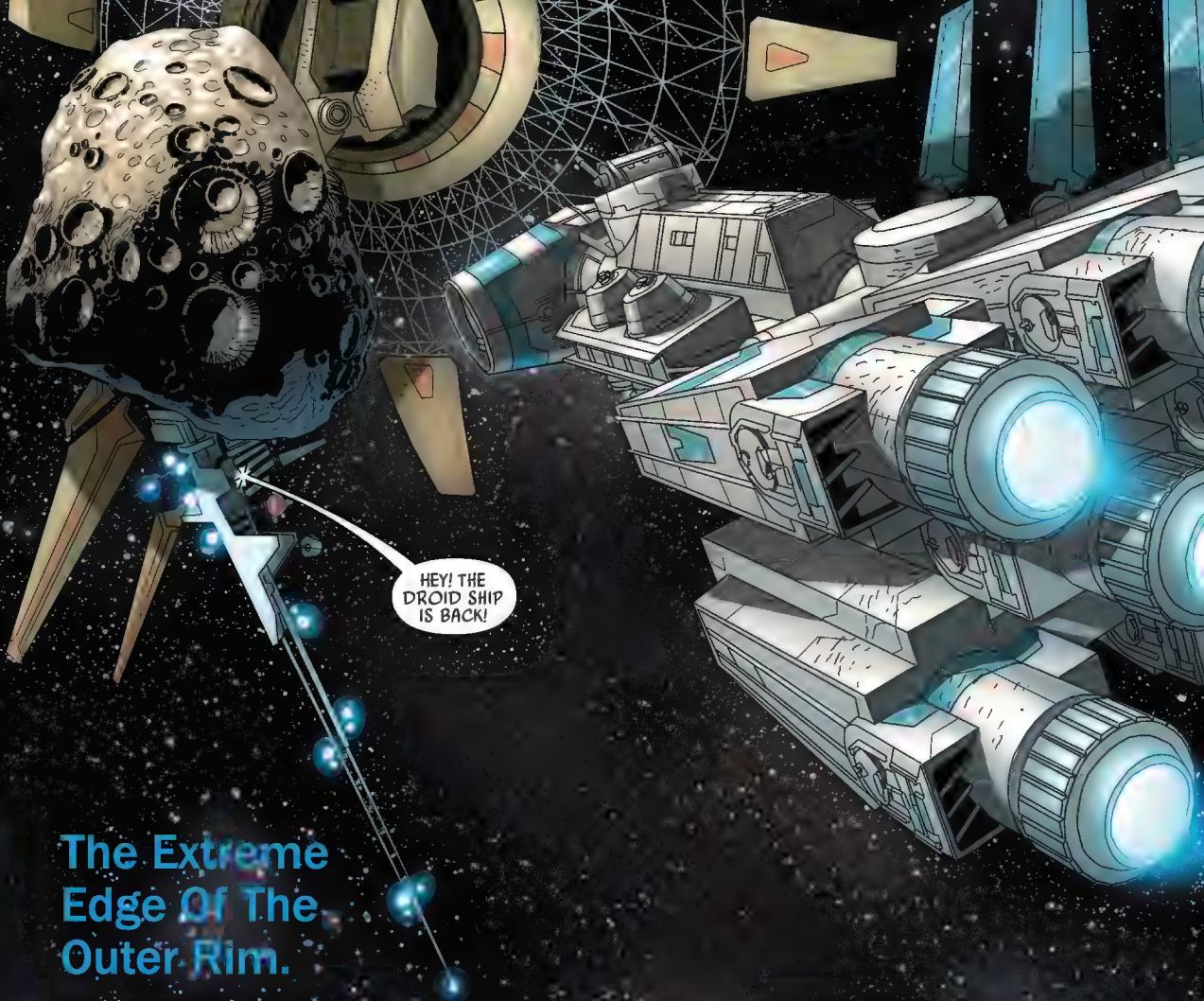
...IT IS A
PRIVATE
MATTER.

I'LL
EXPLAIN
WHEN WE
RETURN...



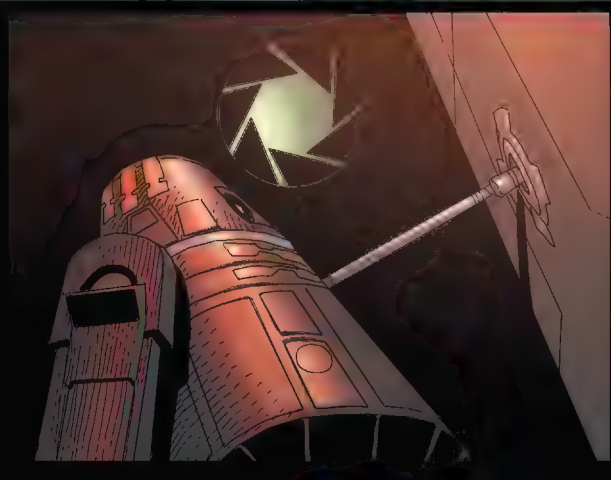
...AND
EVEN IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO PREPARE,
I DO.

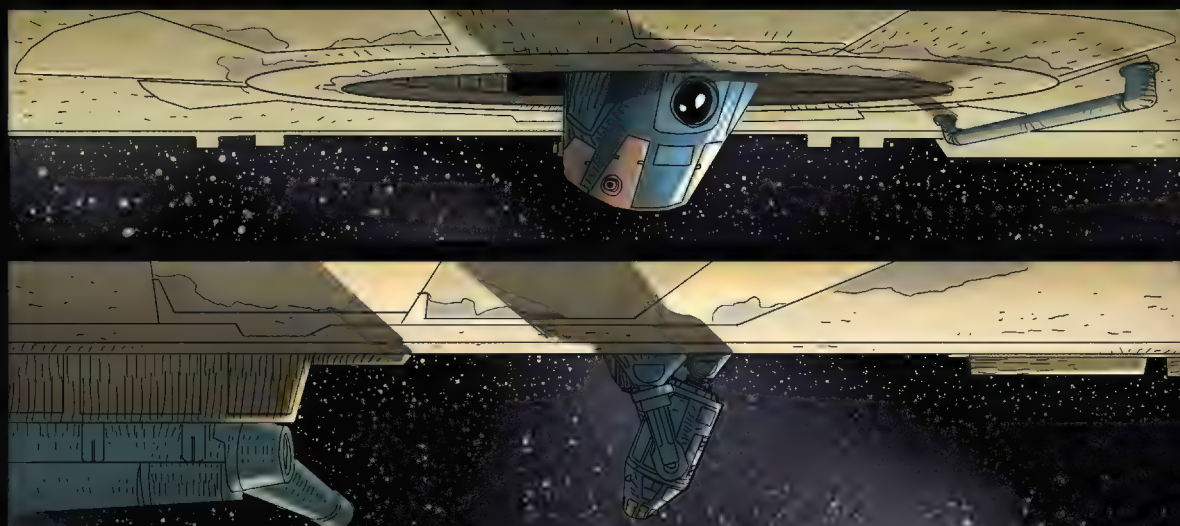
DROID.
WITH ME.

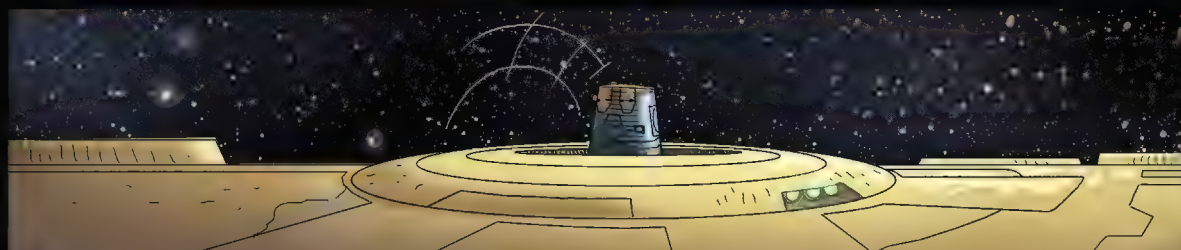
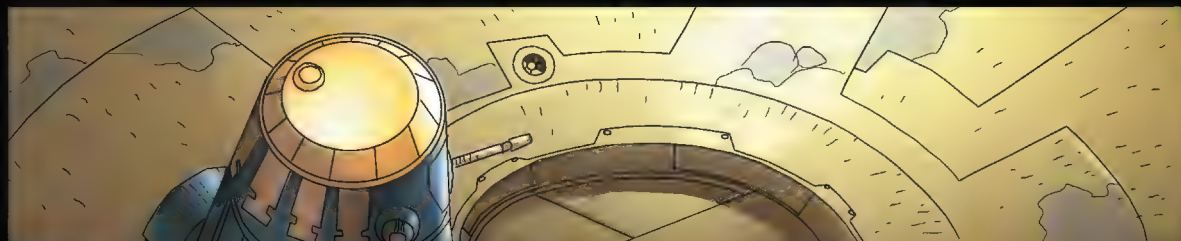
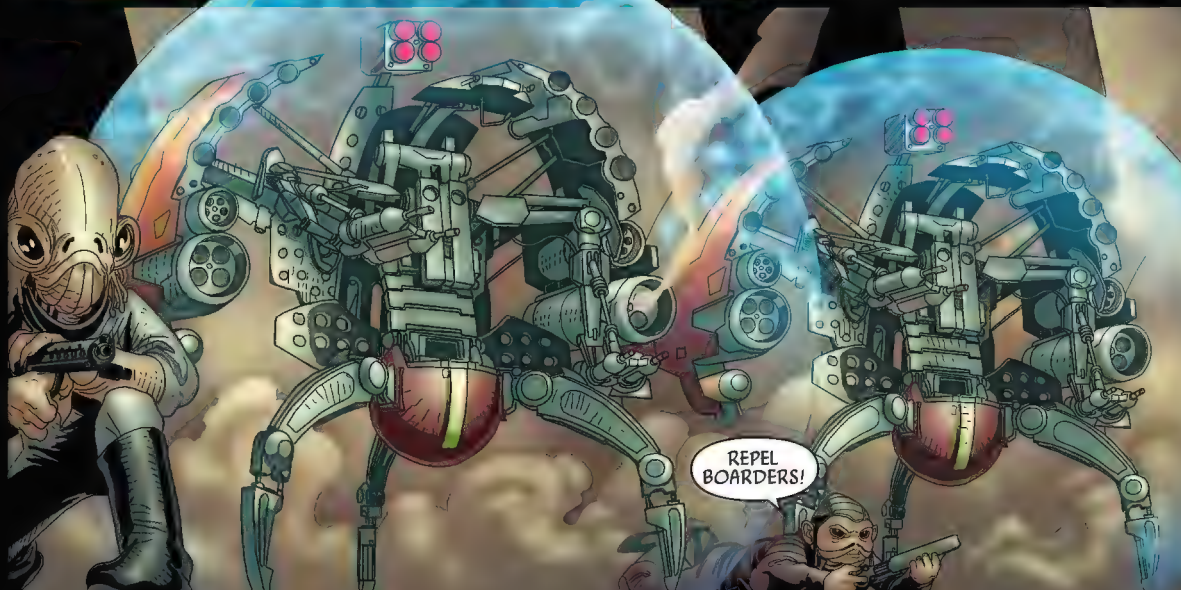
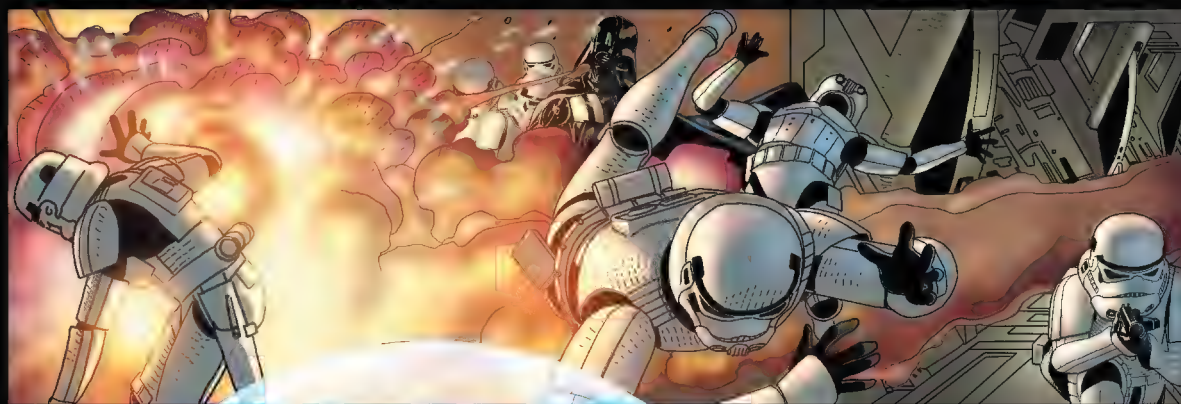


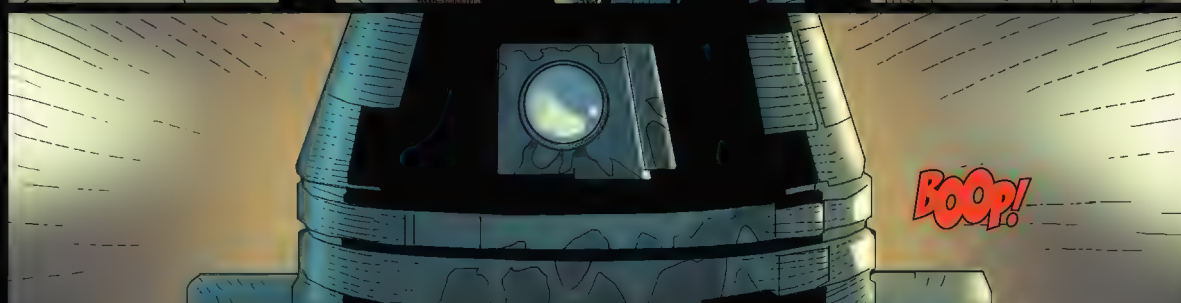
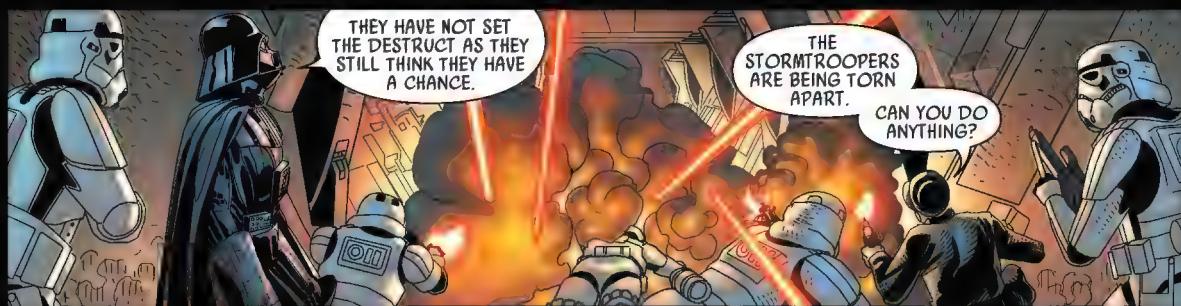
The Extreme Edge Of The Outer Rim.

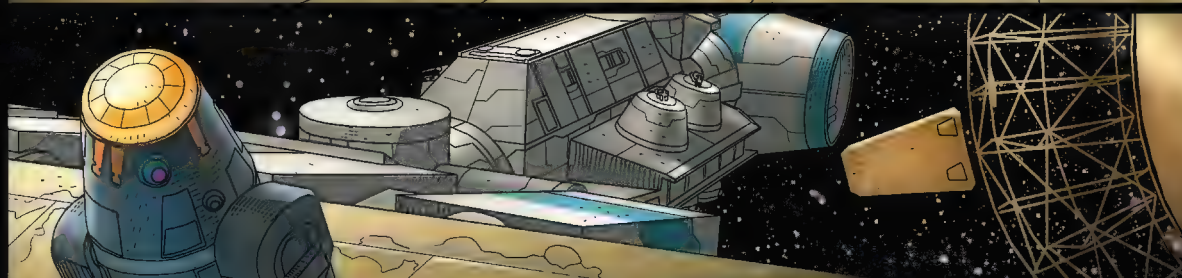
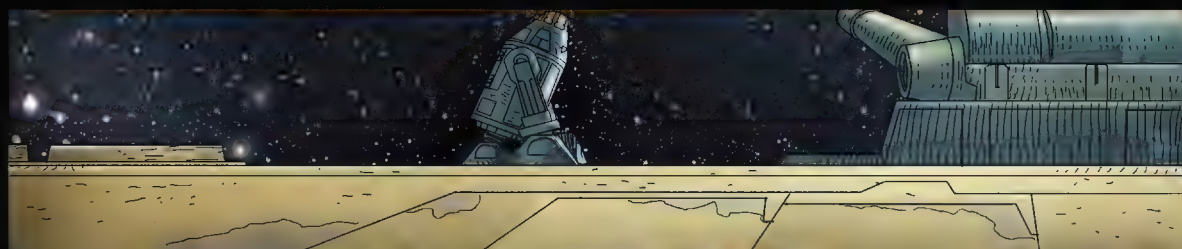
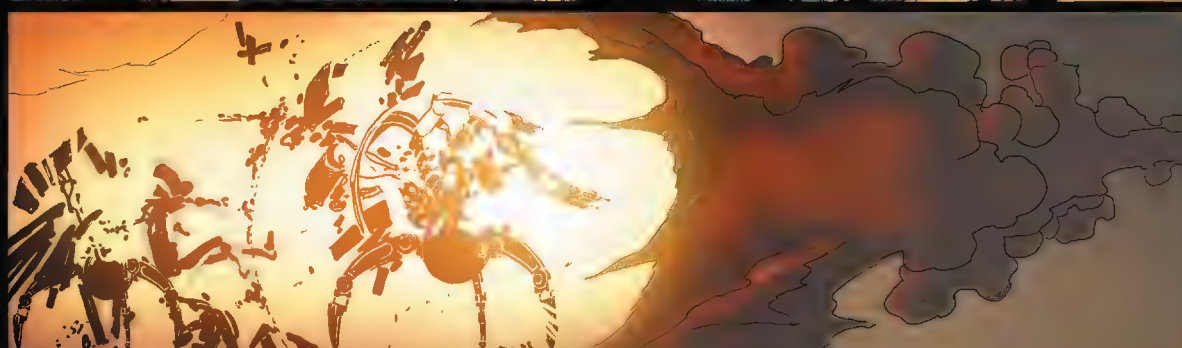
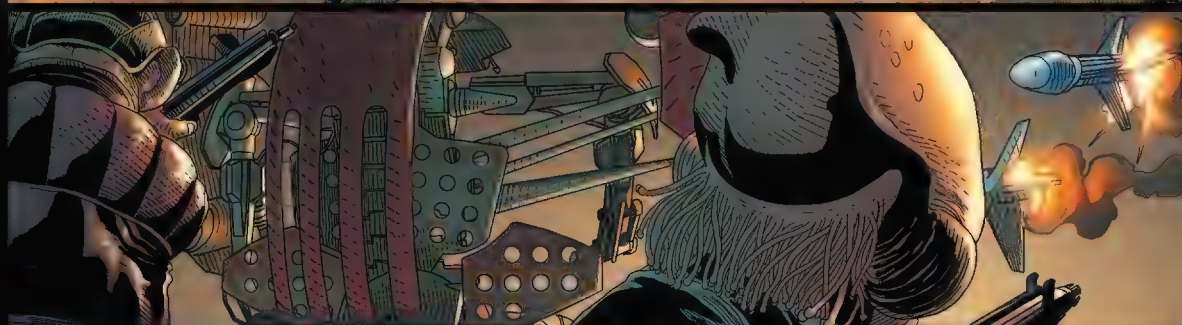
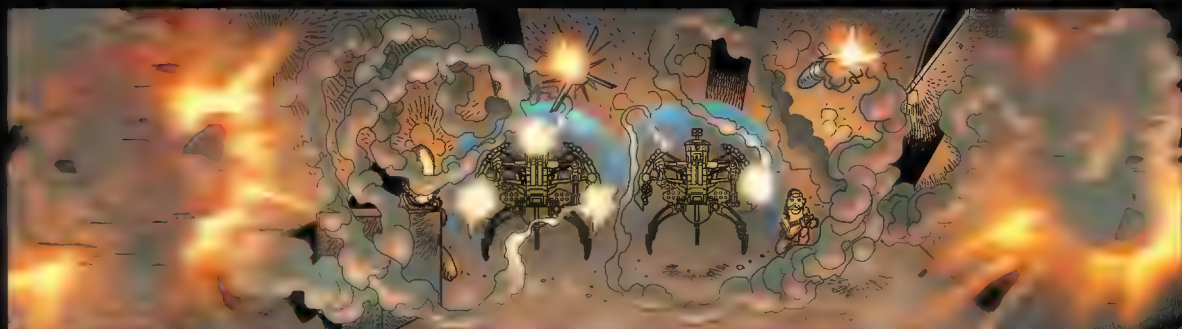
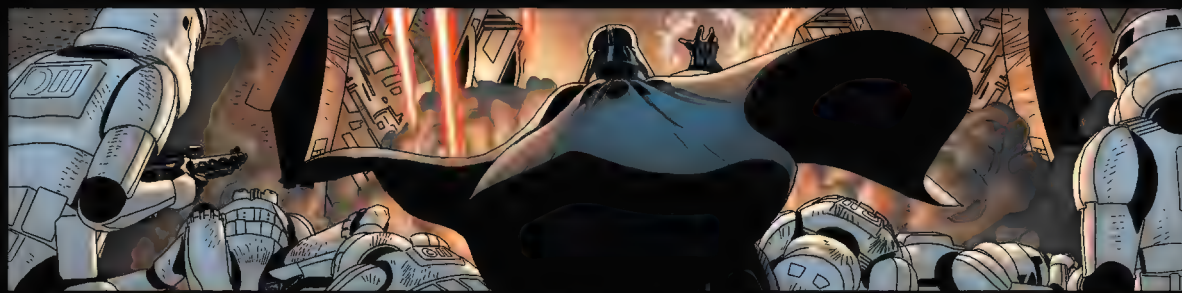


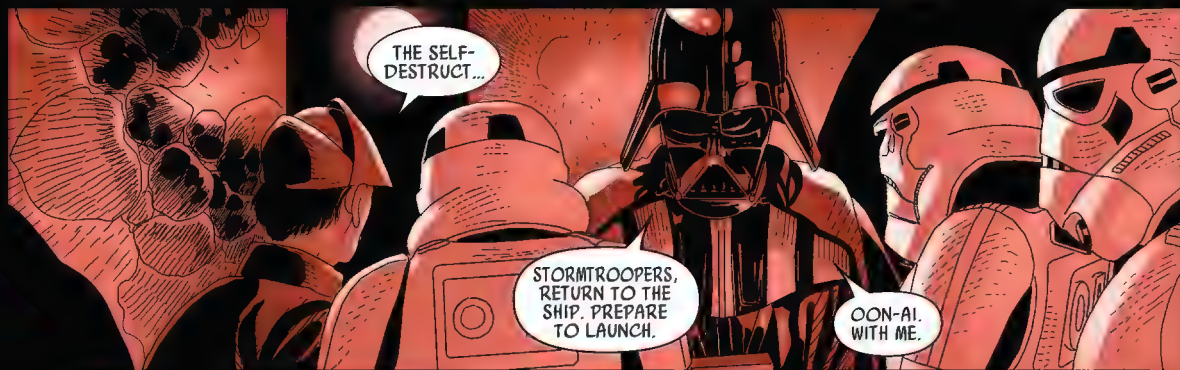


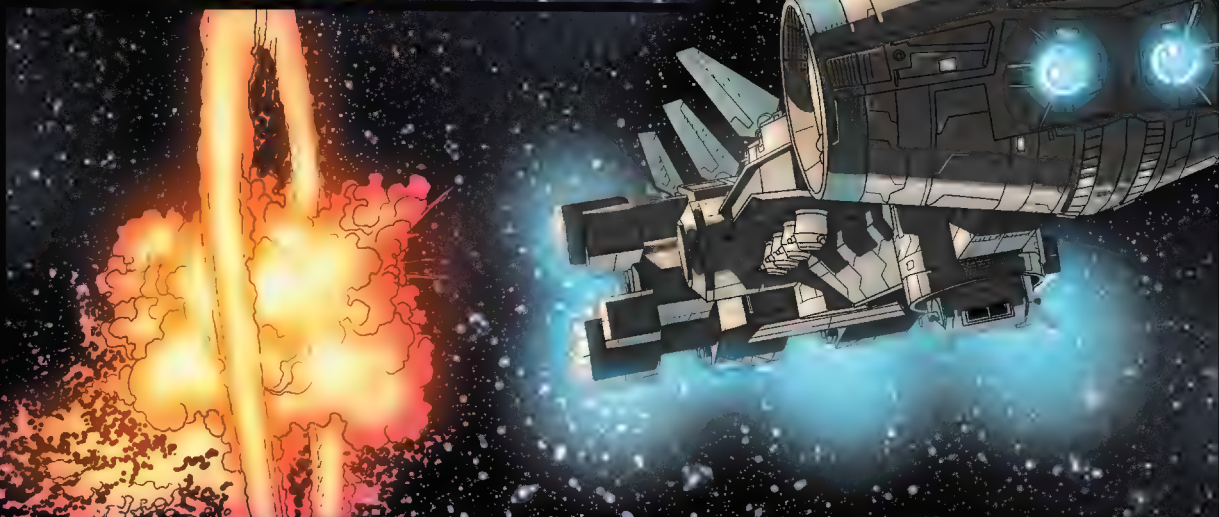
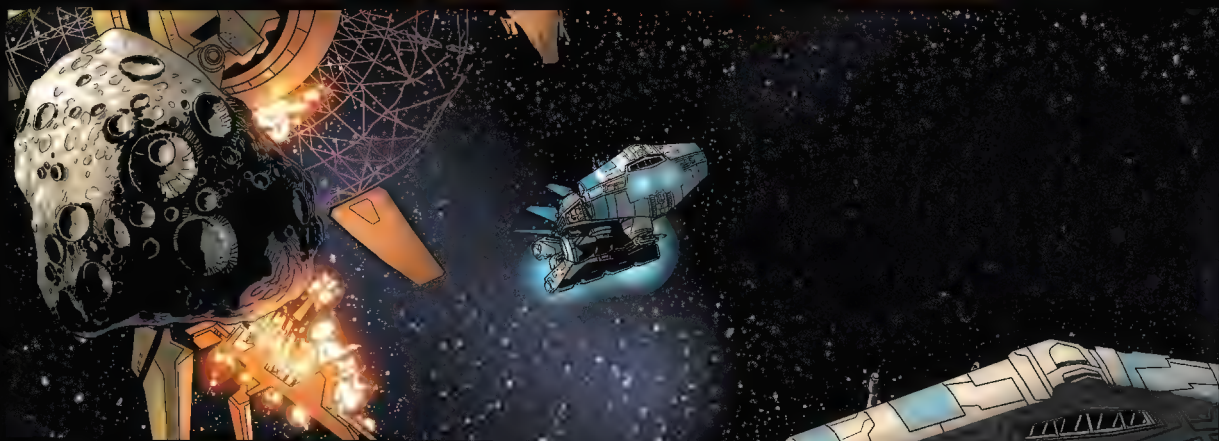
















THERE
WAS A
LEAK.



I ALREADY
SUSPECTED HIM
FROM HOW **CLOSELY**
HE WAS PRYING, BUT WE
FOUND INFORMATION
IN THE PIRATE'S SYSTEMS
THAT IDENTIFIED HIM
AS THE TRAITOR.

OON-AI, SO
CLOSE TO YOU,
MUST HAVE KNOWN
YOUR METHODS, AND
EXACTLY HOW MUCH
COULD BE STOLEN
WITHOUT DRAWING
SUSPICION.



VET YOUR NEXT
ADJUTANT MORE
CLOSELY.

I WILL
BE WATCHING
THEM AS CLOSELY
AS THEY WATCH
ME.

"HAVE YOU
PURGED ALL
EVIDENCE OF YOUR
DATA UPLOAD?"



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VADER

Turmoil has engulfed the Galactic Empire. After the destruction of THE DEATH STAR, the disgraced Sith Lord, DARTH VADER, has been demoted by his Master only to have his control be taken by Grand General Tagge. And when Vader discovered that a mole has been leaking information to pirate raiders, it was made clear to him that no person can be trusted.

Unknown to Emperor Palpatine and Tagge, however, Vader is also quietly pursuing his own interests: the mysterious Force-strong pilot who destroyed the Death Star and the identity of the stranger who is conspiring with the Emperor.

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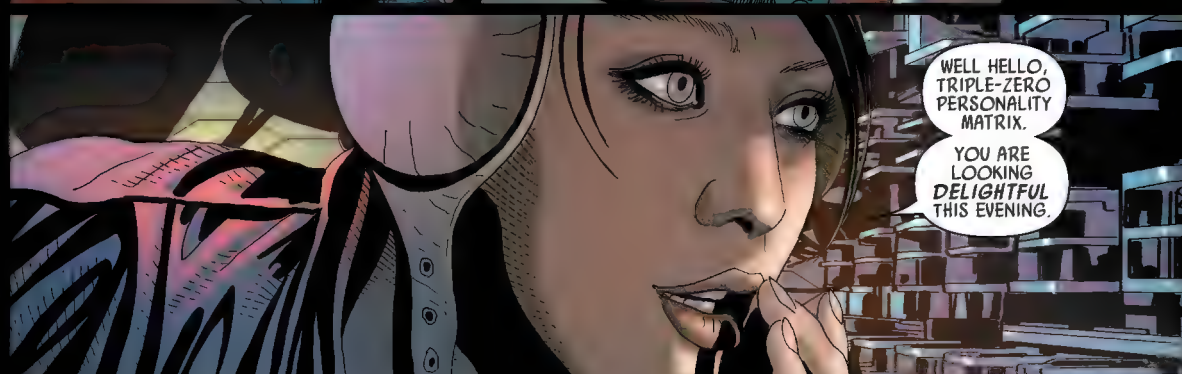
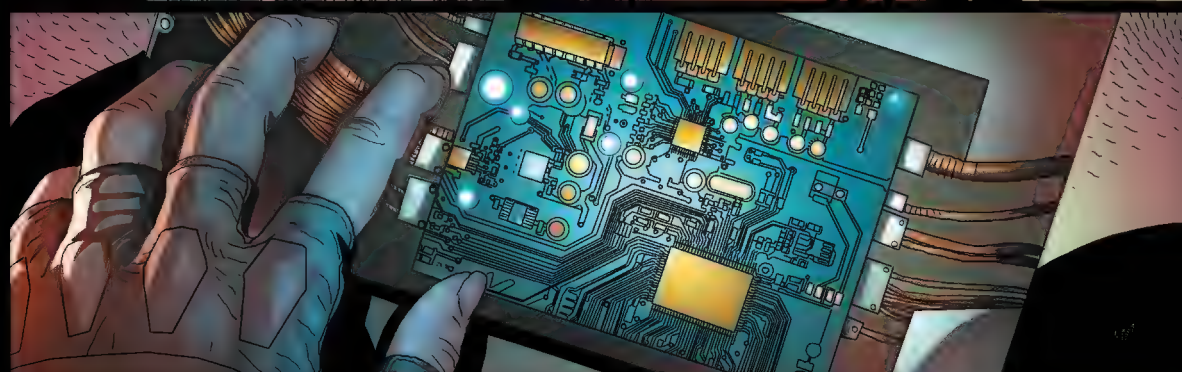
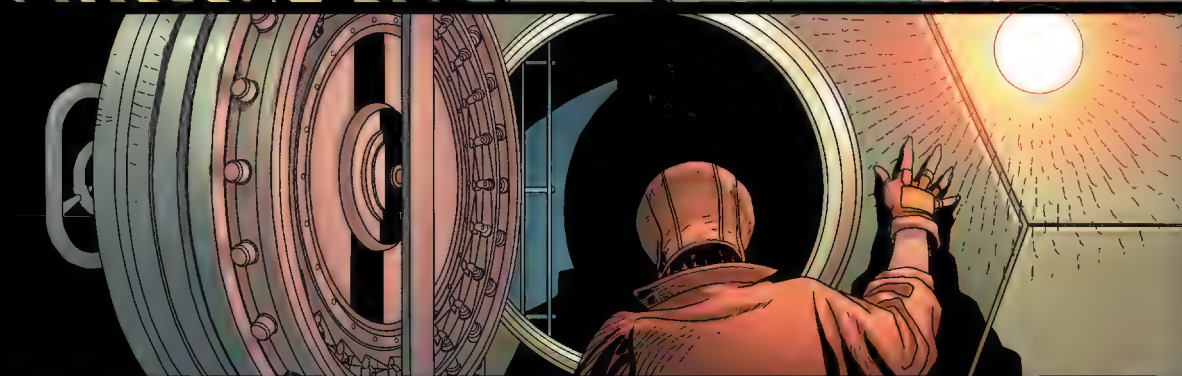
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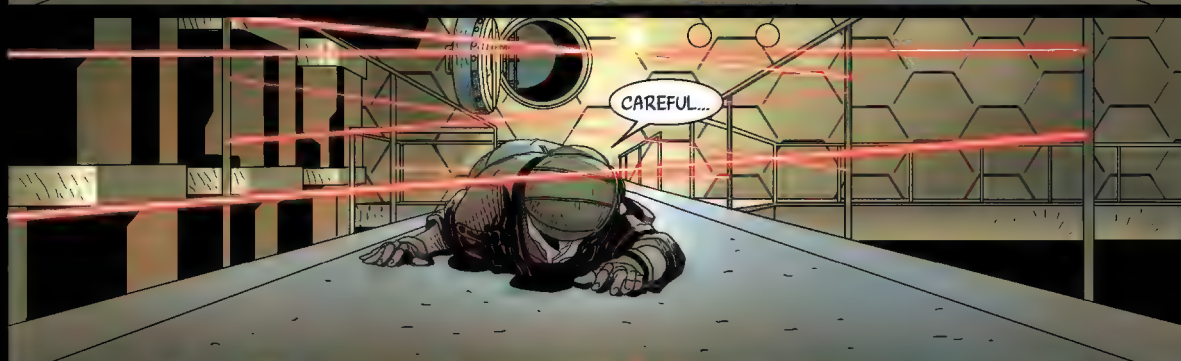
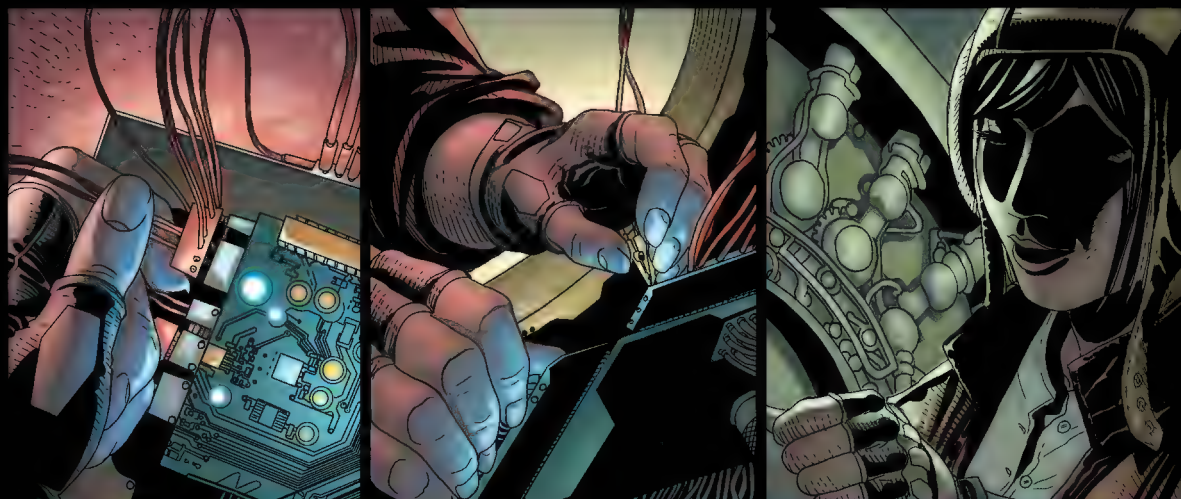
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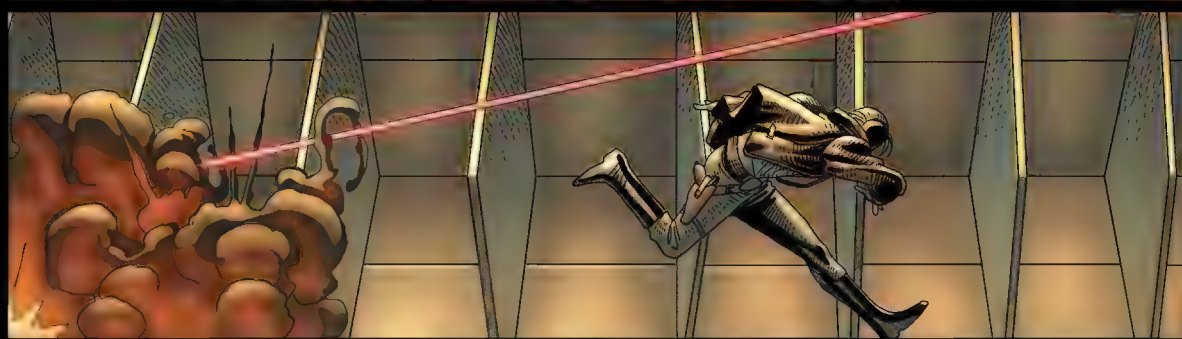
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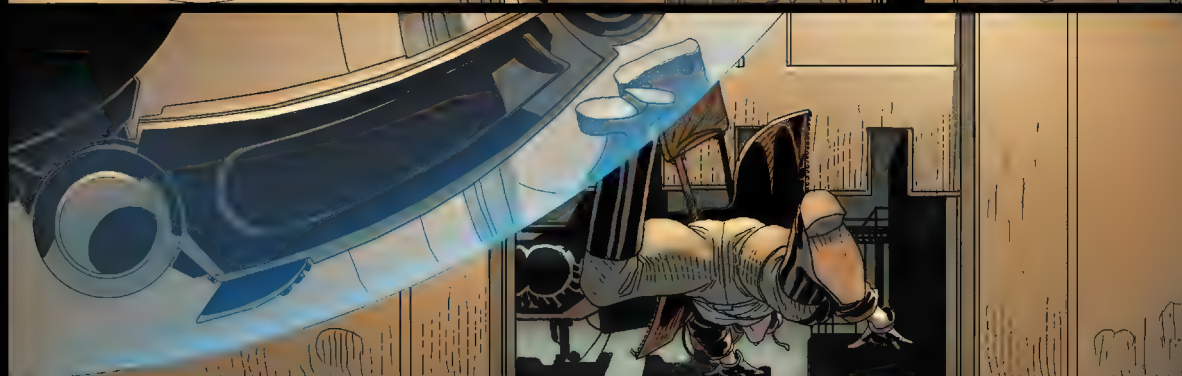
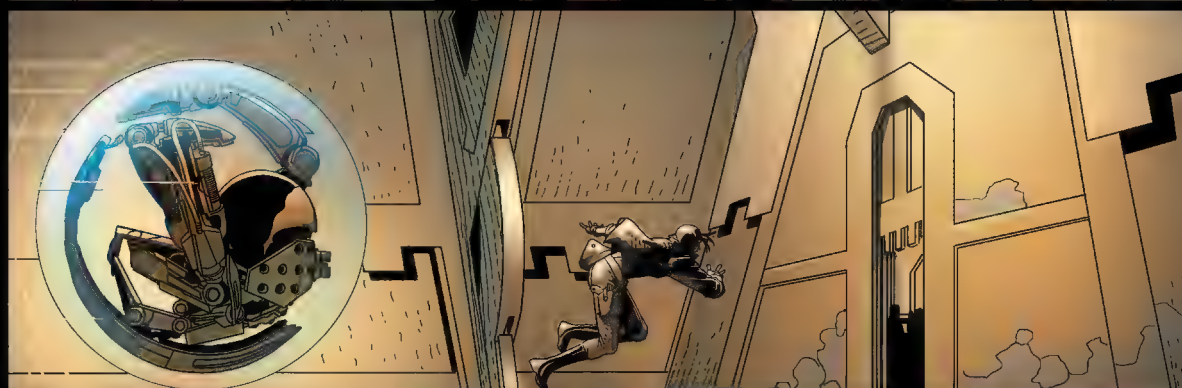
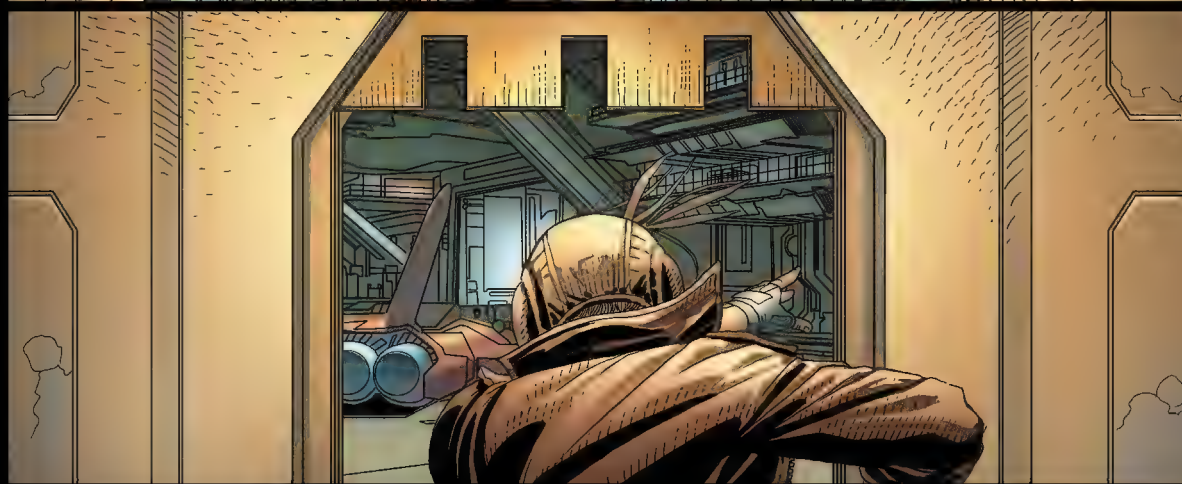
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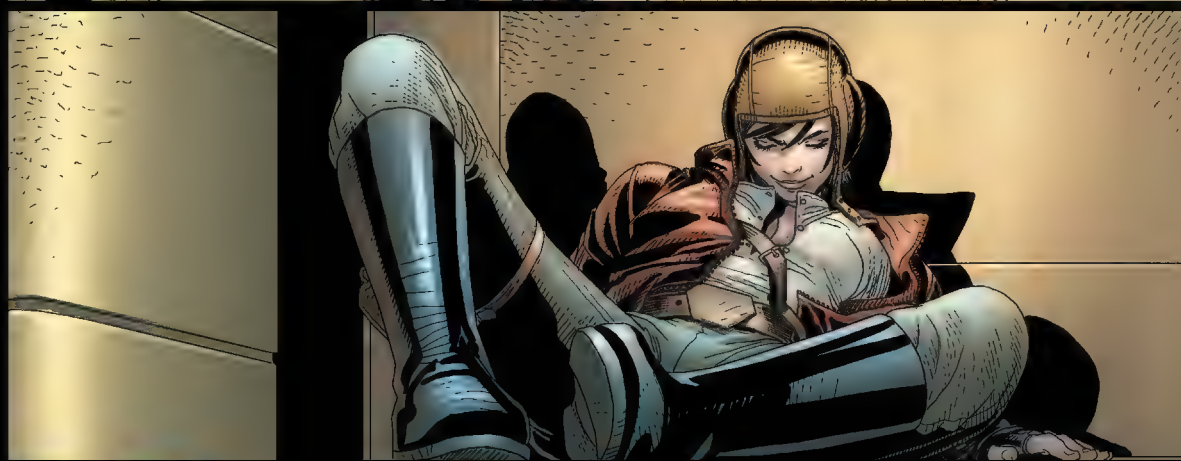












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APHRA...

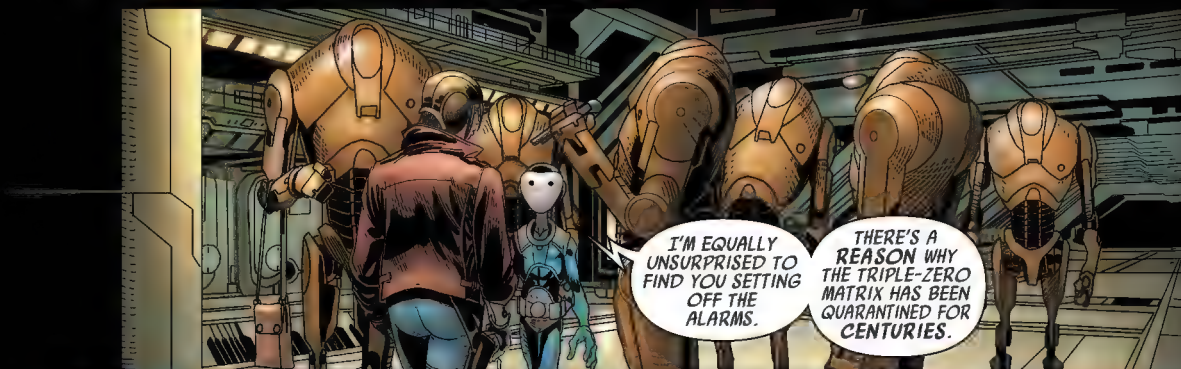


...YOU ARE
AN IRRESPONSIBLE
AND TROUBLESOME
WOMAN.



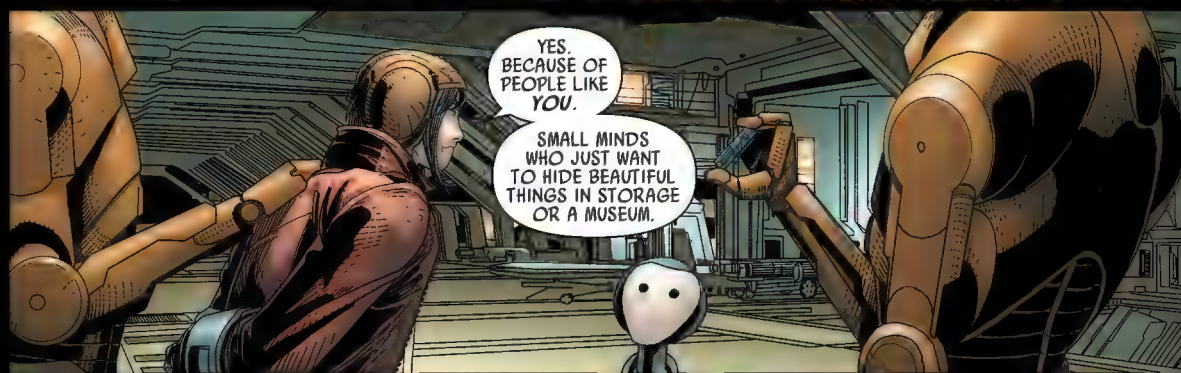
HEY,
UTANI XANE.
YOU'RE
WORKING
HERE?

WHY
AM I NOT
SURPRISED?



I'M EQUALLY
UNSURPRISED TO
FIND YOU SETTING
OFF THE
ALARMS.

THERE'S A
REASON WHY
THE TRIPLE-ZERO
MATRIX HAS BEEN
QUARANTINED FOR
CENTURIES.



YES,
BECAUSE OF
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU.

SMALL MINDS
WHO JUST WANT
TO HIDE BEAUTIFUL
THINGS IN STORAGE
OR A MUSEUM.

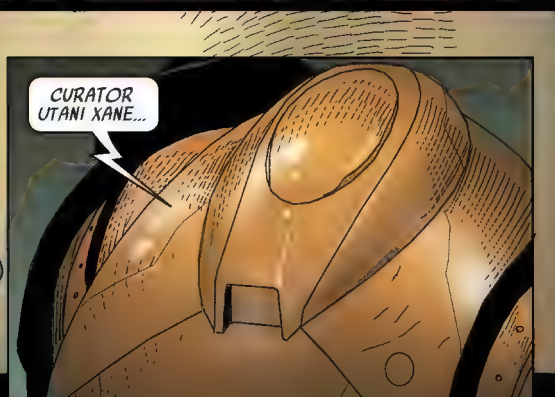


IT SHOULD
BE IN AN
ARMORY!

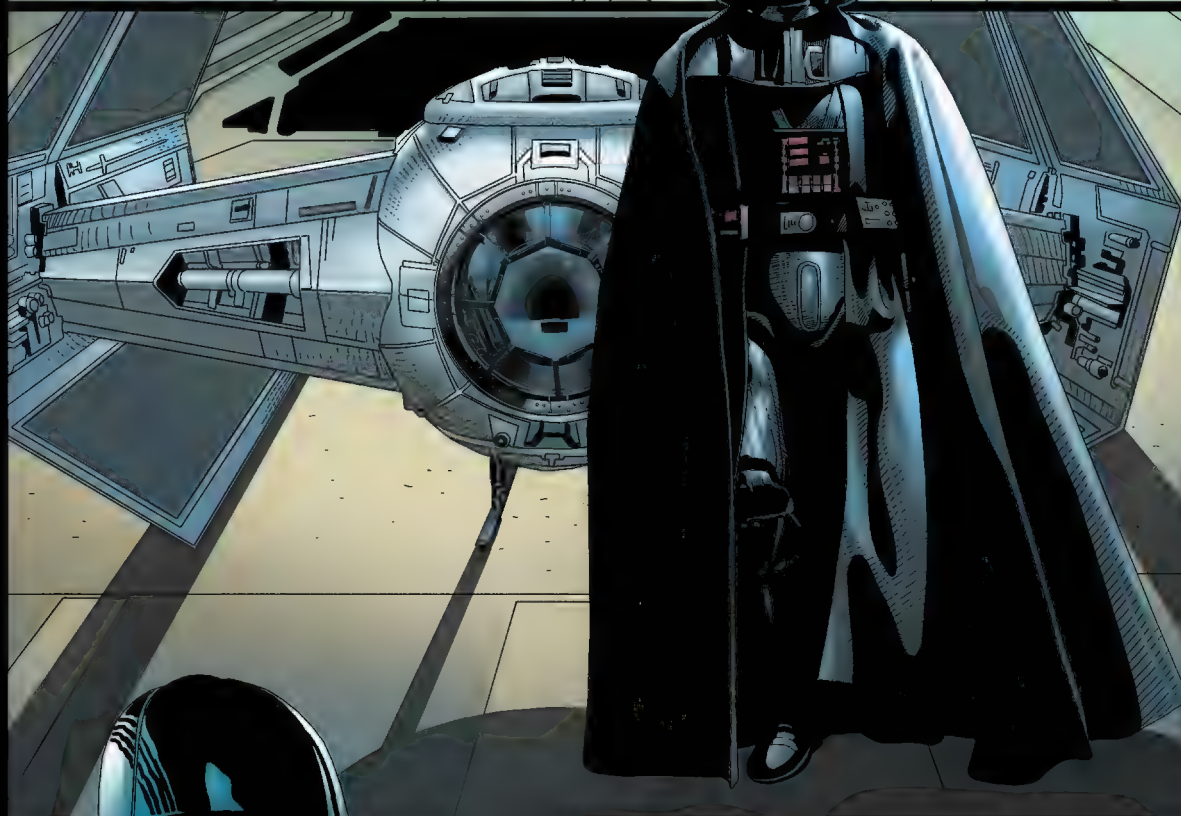
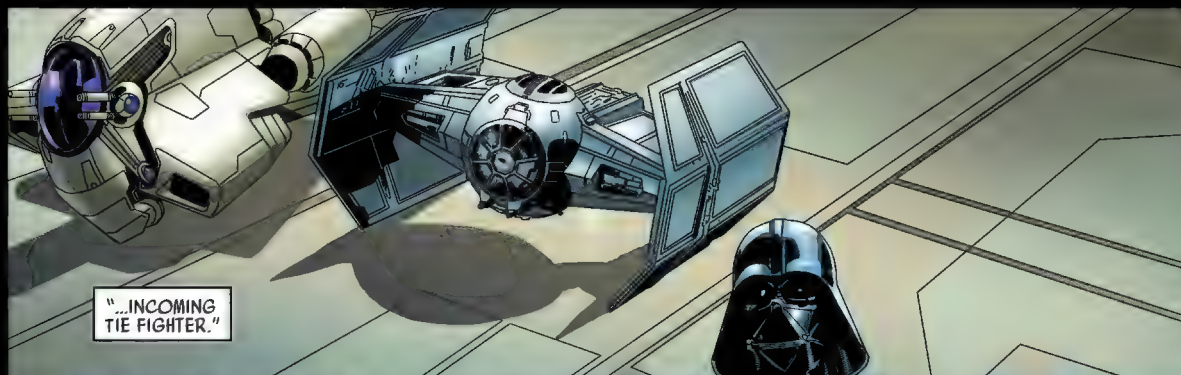


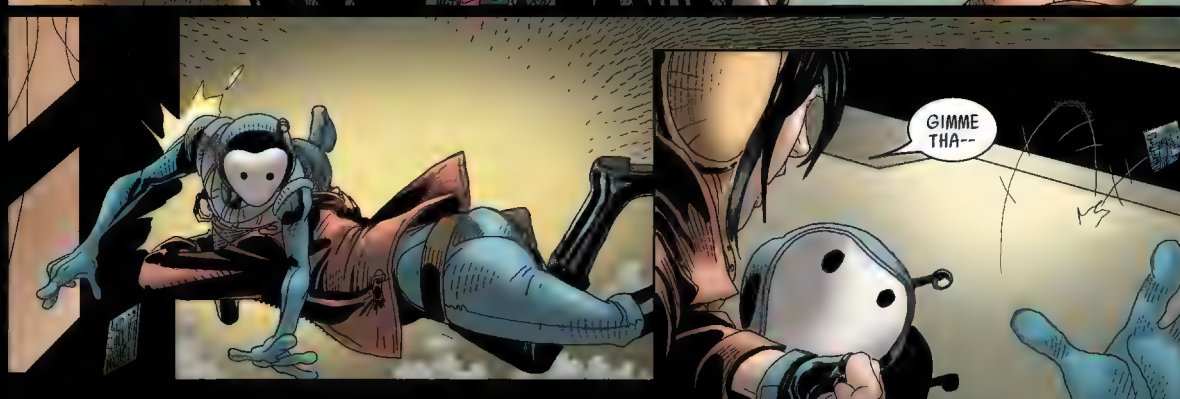
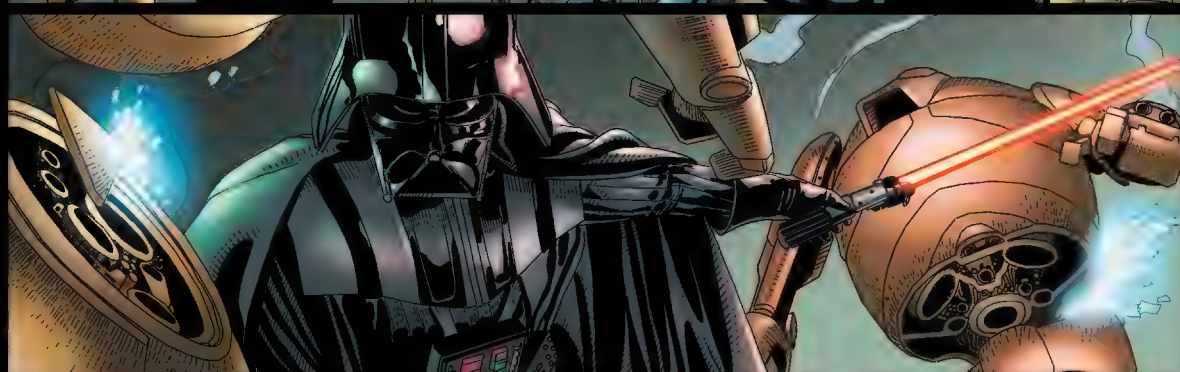
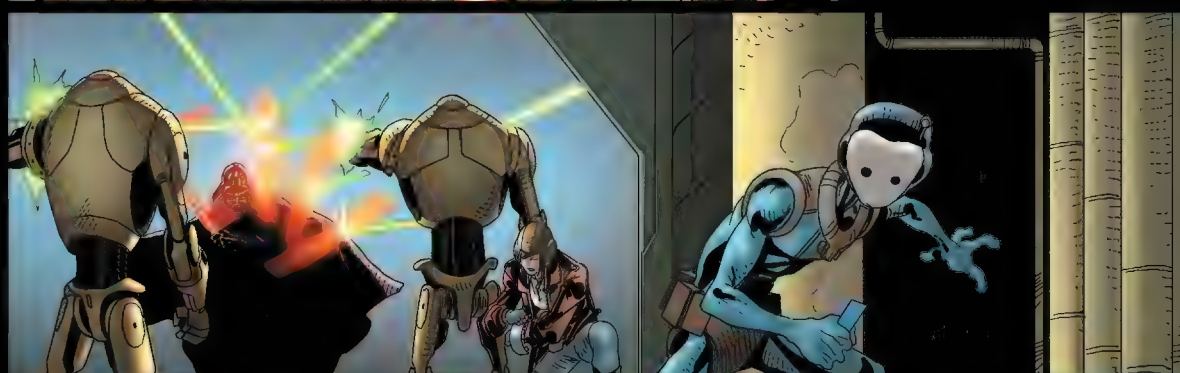
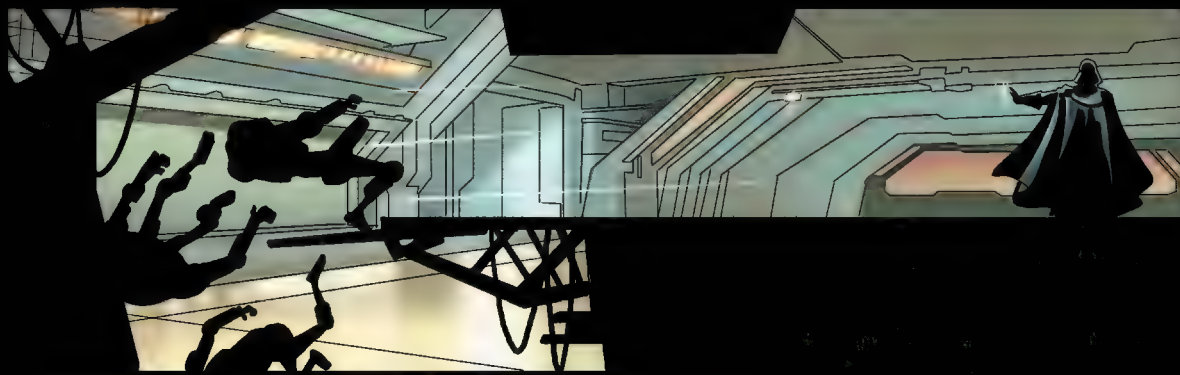
AND YOU
SHOULD BE
IN PRISON.
AGAIN.

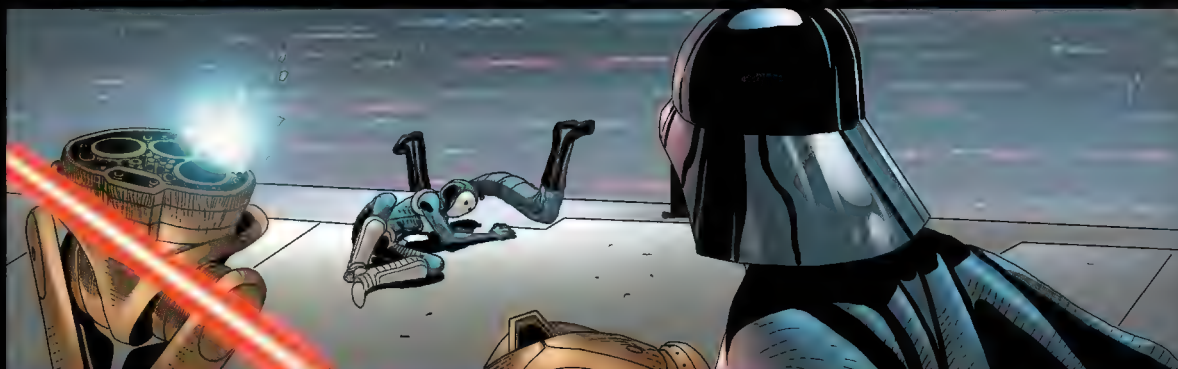
AND
MAYBE THIS
TIME IT'LL
STICK.



CURATOR
UTANI XANE...



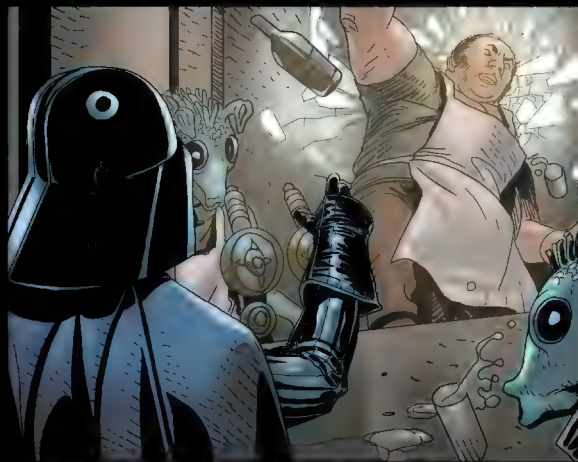




"WELCOME ABOARD THE
ARK ANGEL, SIR DARTH
VADER. BIG FAN. HUGE!

"HOW CAN
I HELP?"

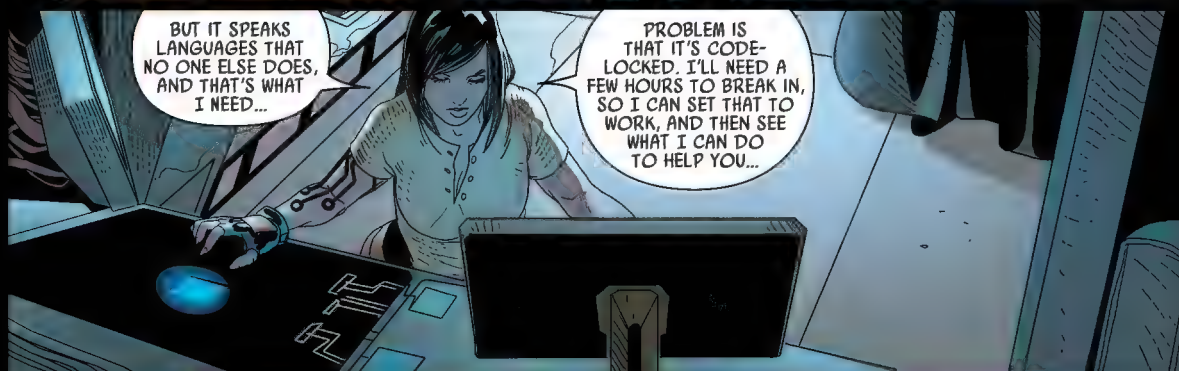






THIS IS THE TRIPLE-ZERO PROTOCOL PERSONALITY MATRIX. HAD A FEW BUGS. TWITCHY COUPLING. NEUROCYBERNETIC GLITCHES. TENDENCY TO DRAIN ORGANICS TO COLLECT THEIR BLOOD.

THAT KIND OF THING.



BUT IT SPEAKS LANGUAGES THAT NO ONE ELSE DOES, AND THAT'S WHAT I NEED...

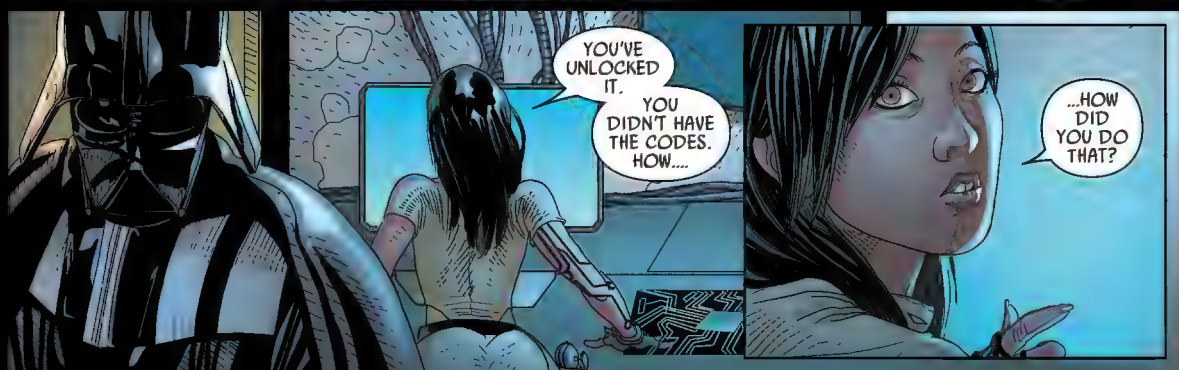
PROBLEM IS THAT IT'S CODE-LOCKED. I'LL NEED A FEW HOURS TO BREAK IN, SO I CAN SET THAT TO WORK, AND THEN SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP YOU...



...THEN.

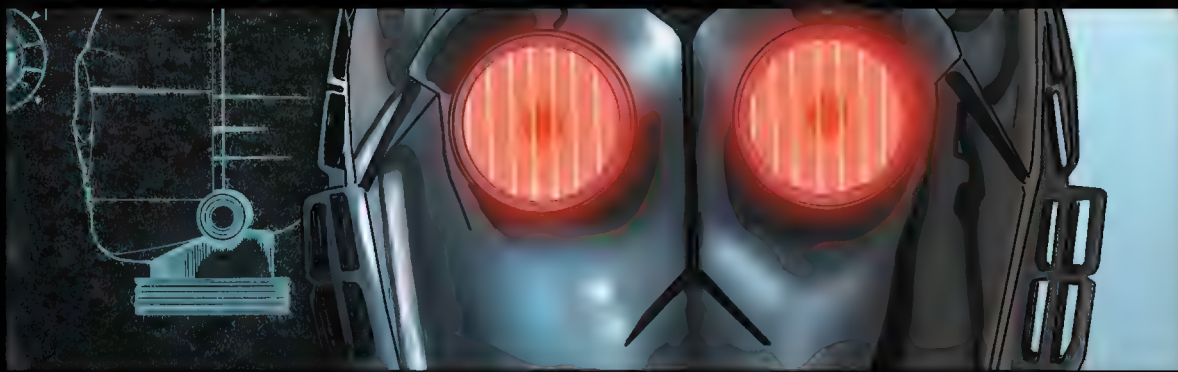
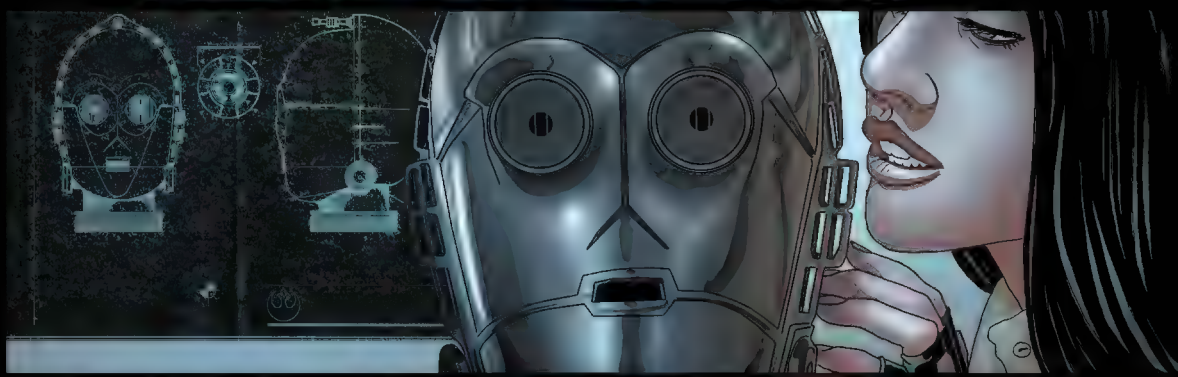
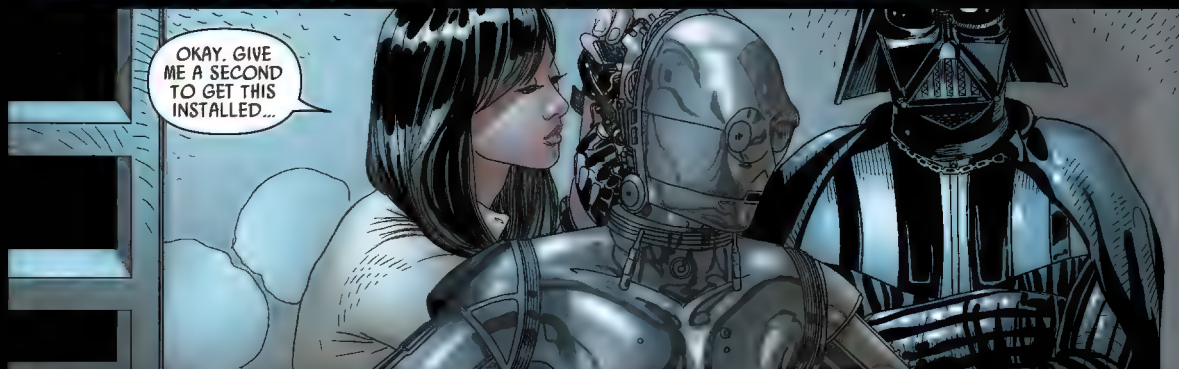


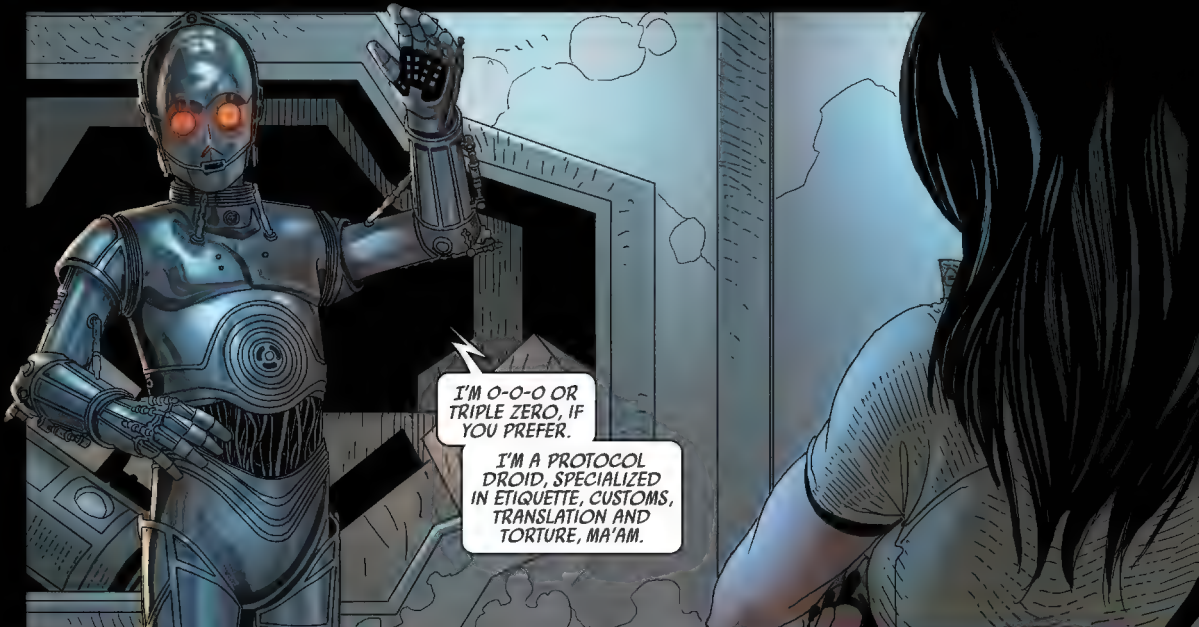
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



YOU'VE UNLOCKED IT. YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE CODES. HOW....

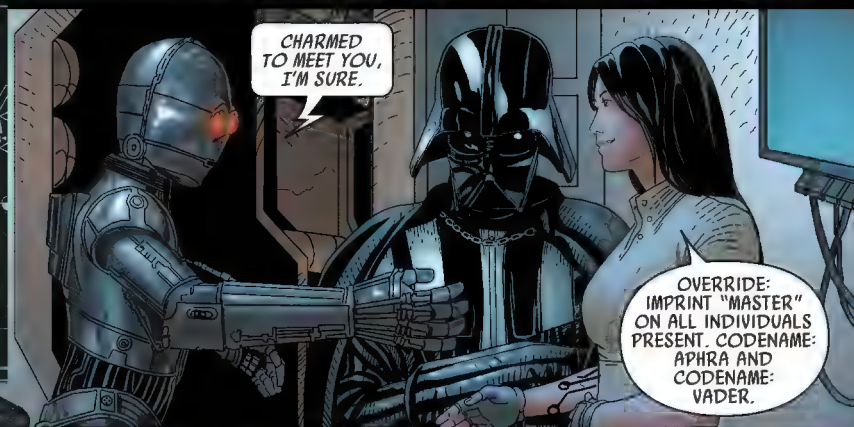
...HOW DID YOU DO THAT?





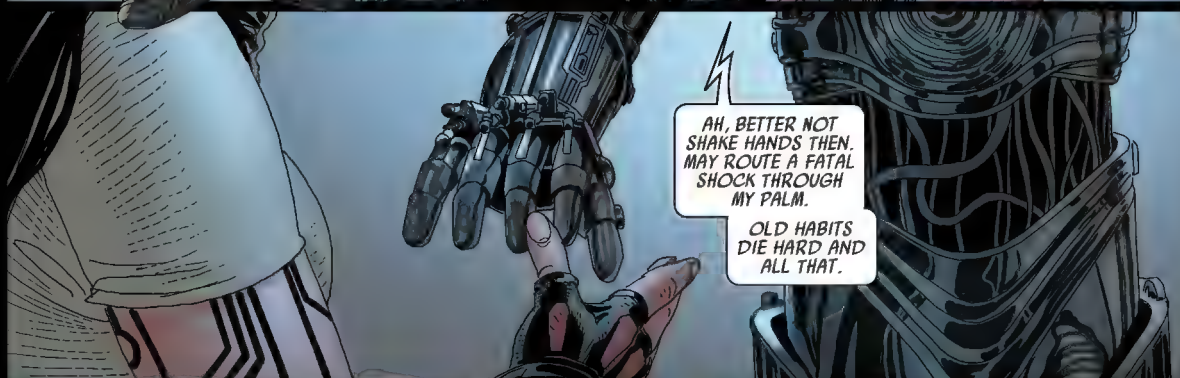
I'M O-O-O OR
TRIPLE ZERO, IF
YOU PREFER.

I'M A PROTOCOL
DROID, SPECIALIZED
IN ETIQUETTE, CUSTOMS,
TRANSLATION AND
TORTURE, MA'AM.



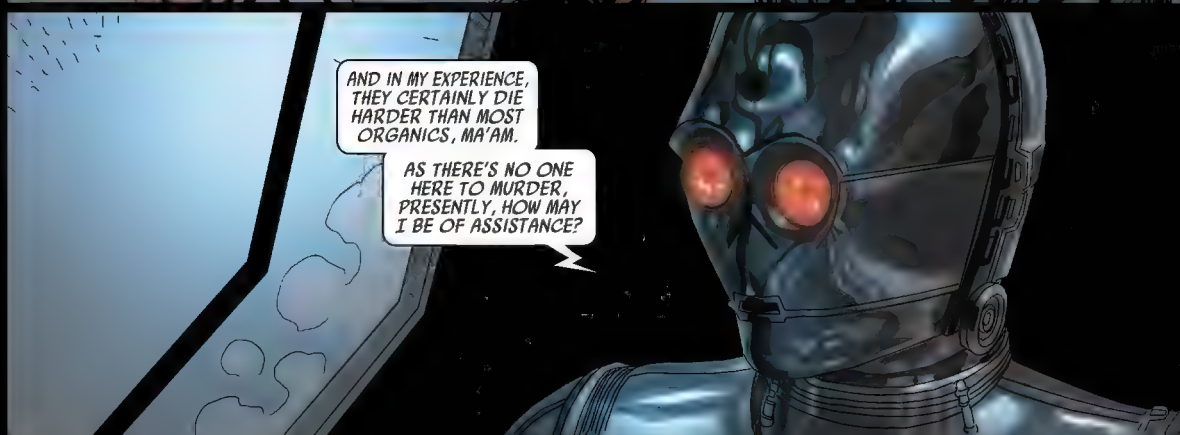
CHARMED
TO MEET YOU,
I'M SURE.

VERRIDE:
IMPRINT "MASTER"
ON ALL INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT. CODENAME:
APHRA AND
CODENAME:
VADER.



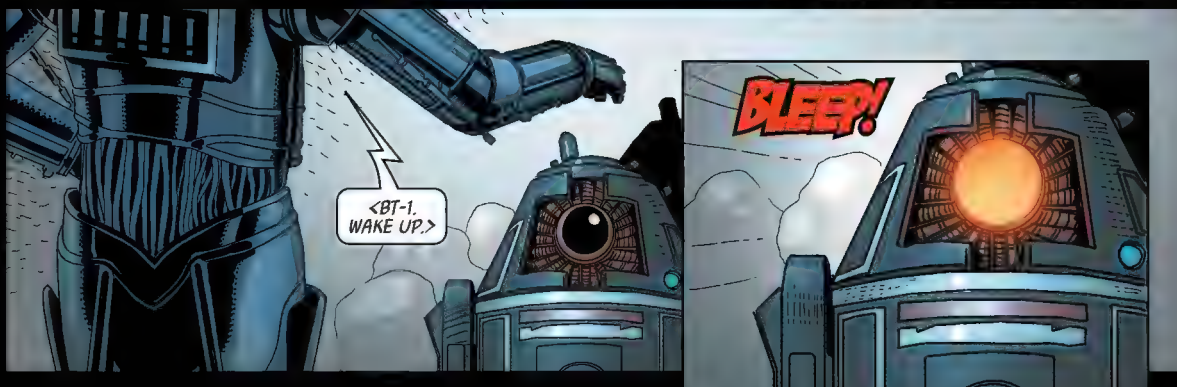
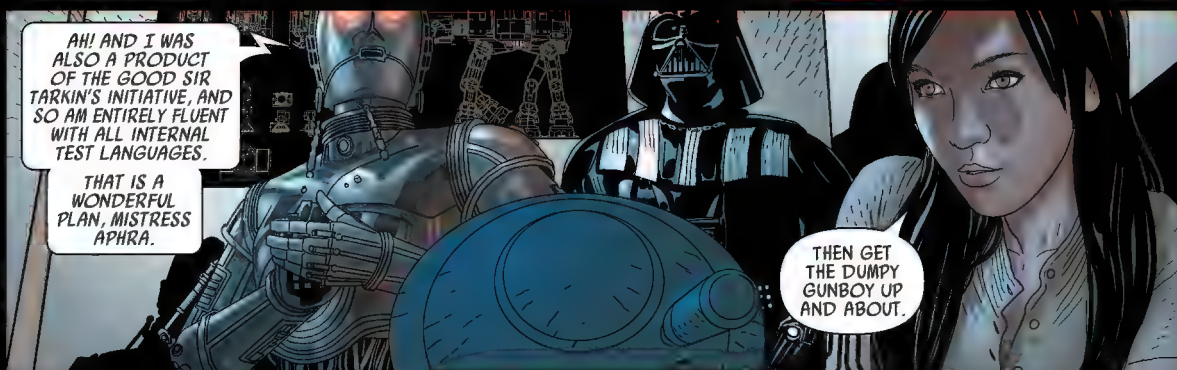
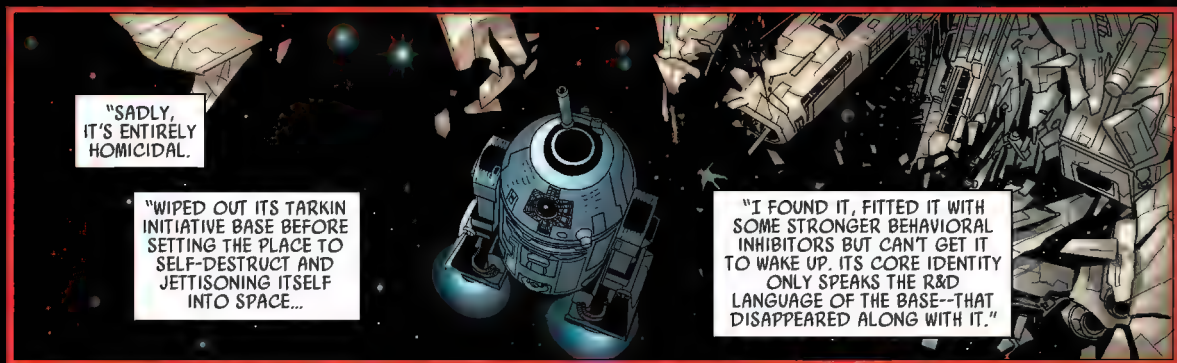
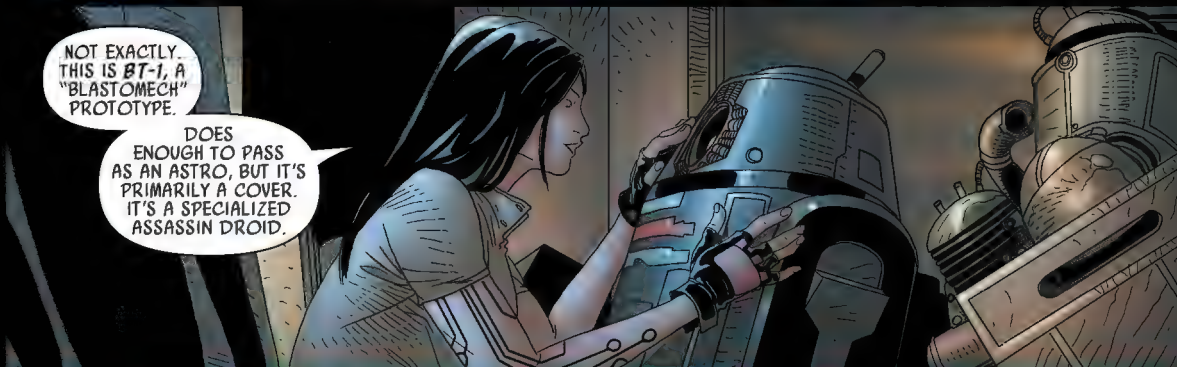
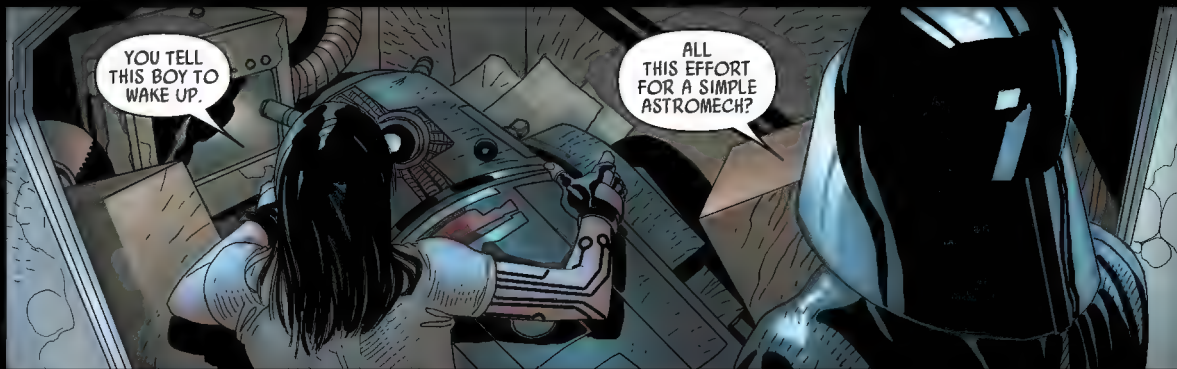
AH, BETTER NOT
SHAKE HANDS THEN.
MAY ROUTE A FATAL
SHOCK THROUGH
MY PALM.

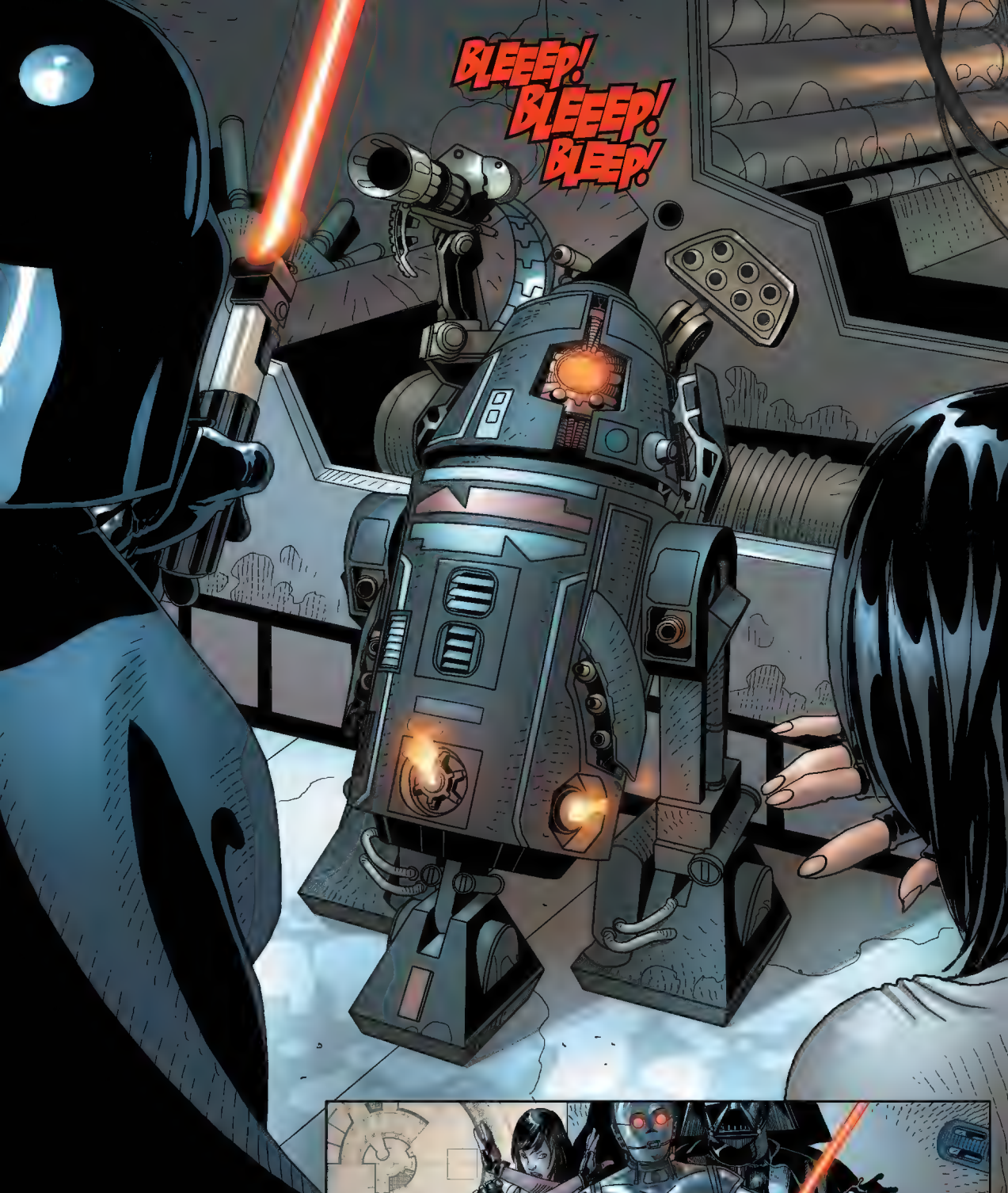
OLD HABITS
DIE HARD AND
ALL THAT.



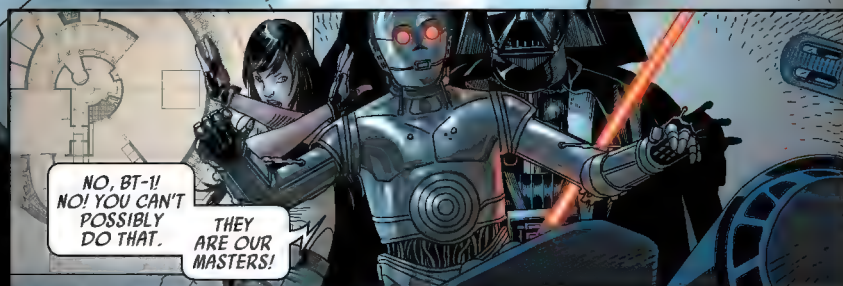
AND IN MY EXPERIENCE,
THEY CERTAINLY DIE
HARDER THAN MOST
ORGANICS, MA'AM.

AS THERE'S NO ONE
HERE TO MURDER,
PRESENTLY, HOW MAY
I BE OF ASSISTANCE?





**BLEEP!
BLEEP!
BLEEP!**

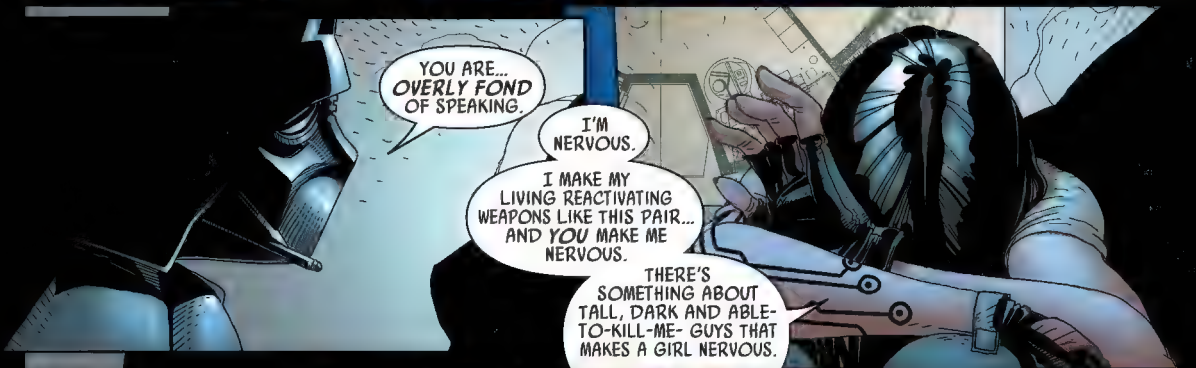


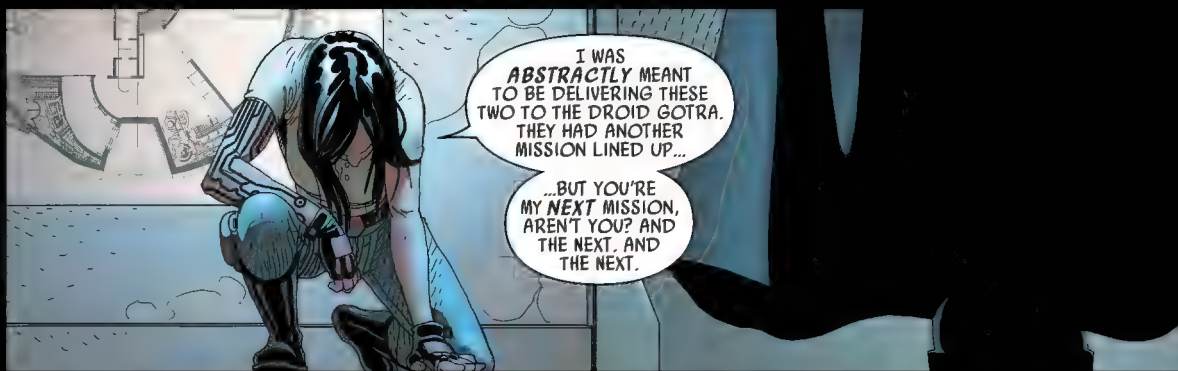
NO, BT-1!
NO! YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
DO THAT.

THEY
ARE OUR
MASTERS!



ALSO, WHO
WOULD CLEAN
UP THE MESS?





I WAS
ABSTRACTLY MEANT
TO BE DELIVERING THESE
TWO TO THE DROID GOTRA.
THEY HAD ANOTHER
MISSION LINED UP...

...BUT YOU'RE
MY **NEXT** MISSION,
AREN'T YOU? AND
THE NEXT. AND
THE NEXT.



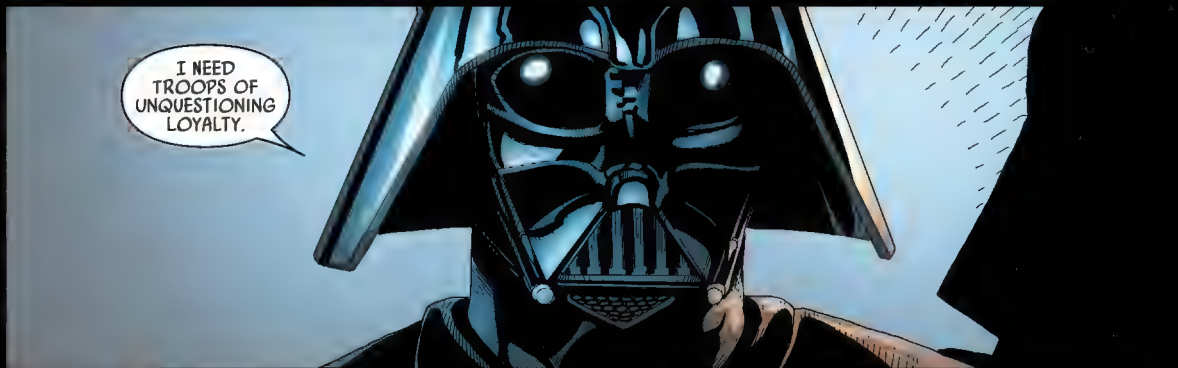
YOU'RE
WHAT I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR
ALL MY LIFE.



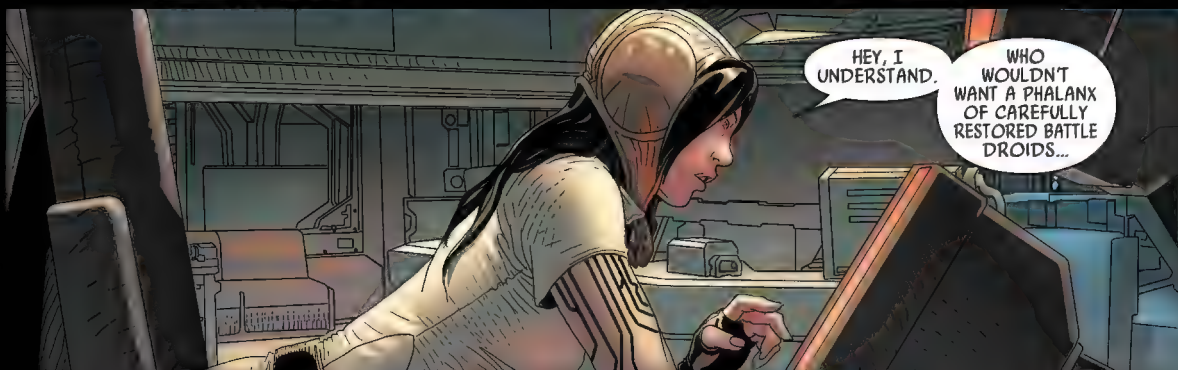
WHOA.
THAT JUST GAVE
ME SHIVERS.

THEN
THESE ARE
YOURS.

WHAT
ELSE DO YOU
NEED?

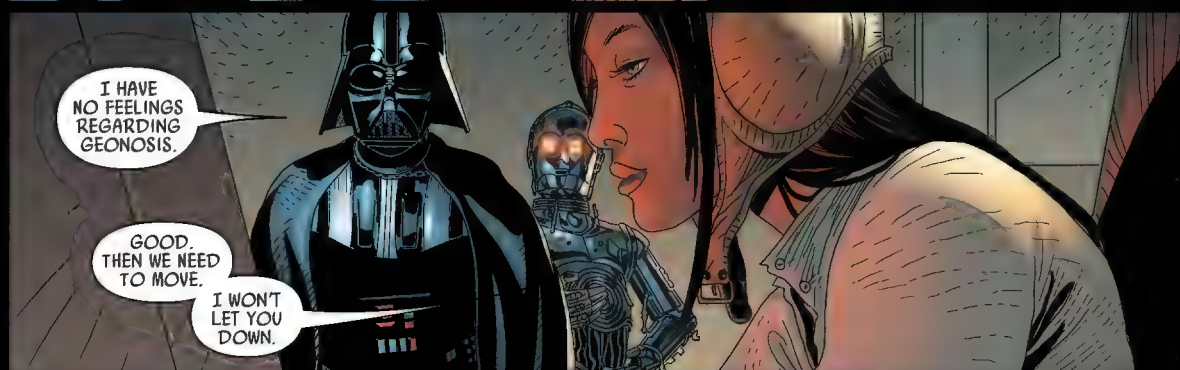
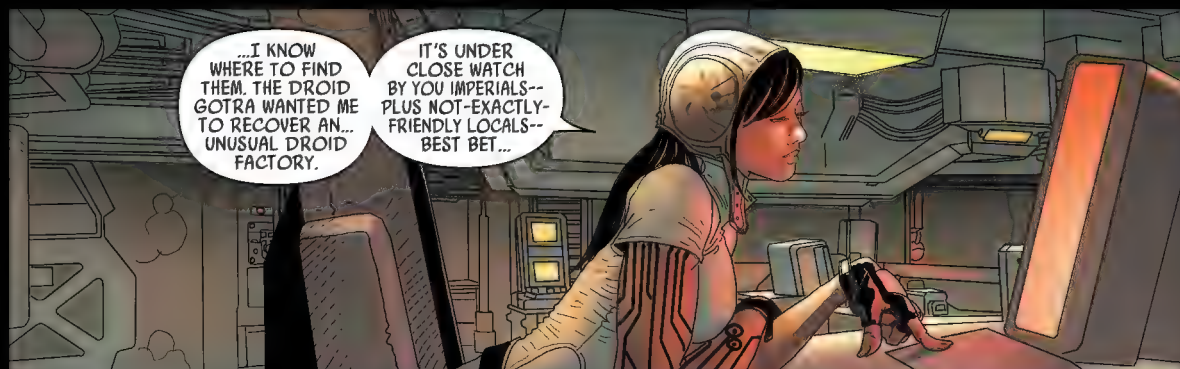


I NEED
TROOPS OF
UNQUESTIONING
LOYALTY.



HEY, I
UNDERSTAND.

WHO
WOULDN'T
WANT A PHALANX
OF CAREFULLY
RESTORED BATTLE
DROIDS...



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Geonosis.

"THE DROID GOTRA HEARD ABOUT A SURVIVING GEONOSIAN QUEEN WITH A DROID FACTORY."

"THEY WANTED ME TO LIBERATE IT FROM THE EVIL CARBON-BASED OPPRESSION."

BUT WE CAN ALWAYS STEAL IT FOR US, EH?

WELL, IT SHOULD BE QUIETER SINCE THE PLANET WAS STERILIZED.

NO QUEENS, NO HIVES...

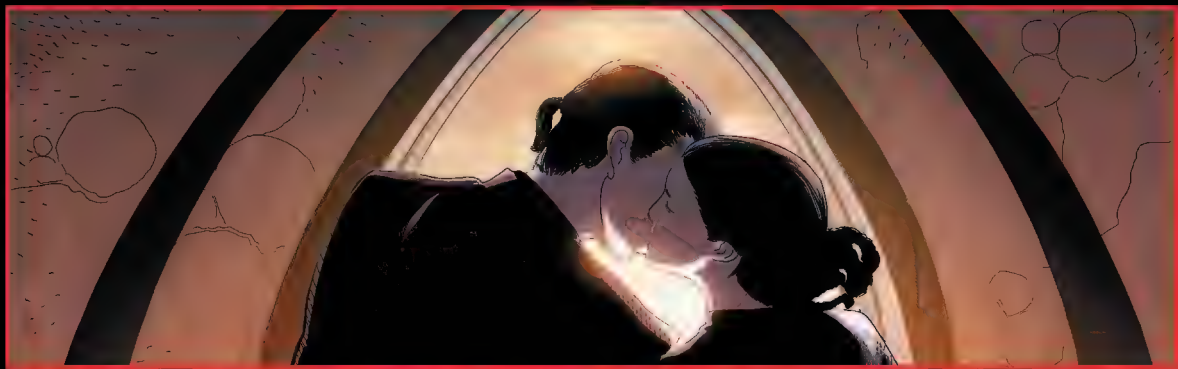
WONDER WHAT WEAPON THEY USED. WOULD BE NICE TO GET AHEAD OF THAT...

ANYWAY, GET GOING, GUYS.

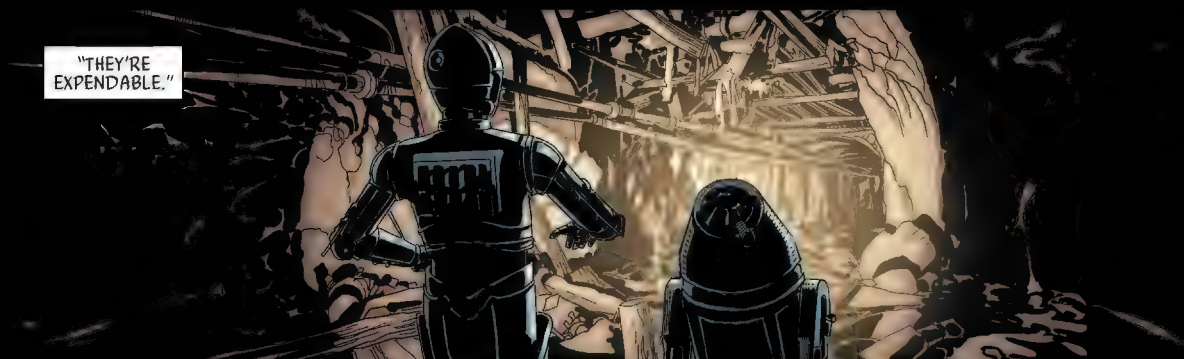
IF YOU THINK IT'S BEST TO SEND US ALONE, MISTRESS APHRA, BENEATH THE SURFACE OF A DISTINCTLY OMINOUS PLANET, CERTAINLY!

I SENSE SARCASM. OH WELL.

EVER BEEN TO GEONOSIS, LORD VADER?



"THEY'RE
EXPENDABLE."



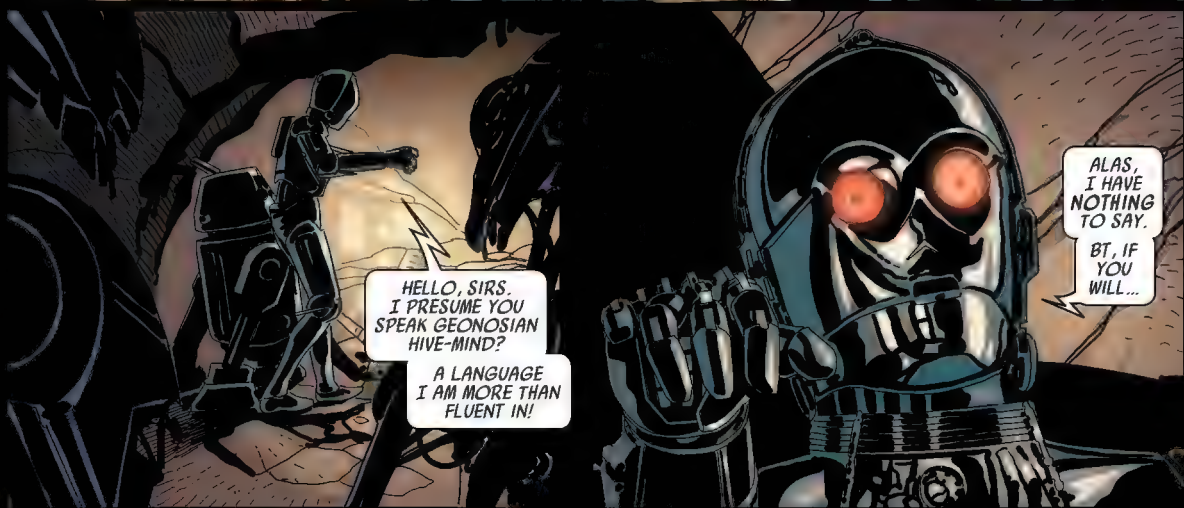
OH MY
GOODNESS!



OH
MY!

HELLO, SIR.
I PRESUME YOU
SPEAK GEONOSIAN
HIVE-MIND?

A LANGUAGE
I AM MORE THAN
FLUENT IN!



ALAS,
I HAVE
NOTHING
TO SAY.

BT, IF
YOU
WILL...



THANK
YOU.



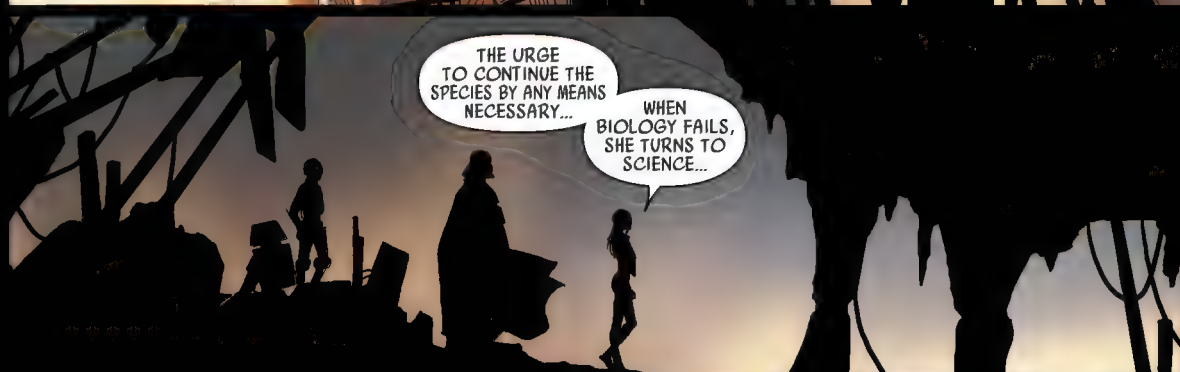
OH, NO.
ACTUALLY, A
FEW WORDS
DO SPRING
TO MIND...



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Hahaha! You are on fire and also dead.

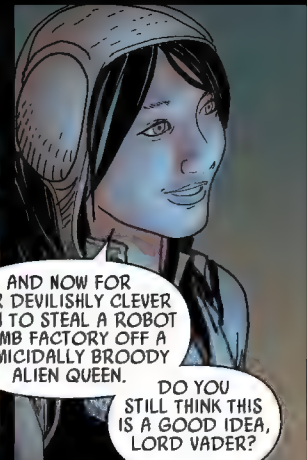








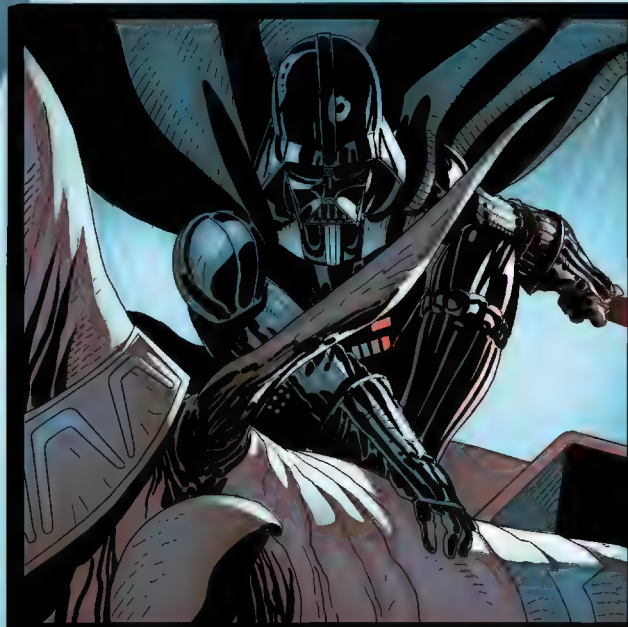
THEY'RE  
CHILDREN.



AND NOW FOR  
OUR DEVILISHLY CLEVER  
PLAN TO STEAL A ROBOT  
WOMB FACTORY OFF A  
HOMICIDALLY BROODY  
ALIEN QUEEN.

DO YOU  
STILL THINK THIS  
IS A GOOD IDEA,  
LORD VADER?

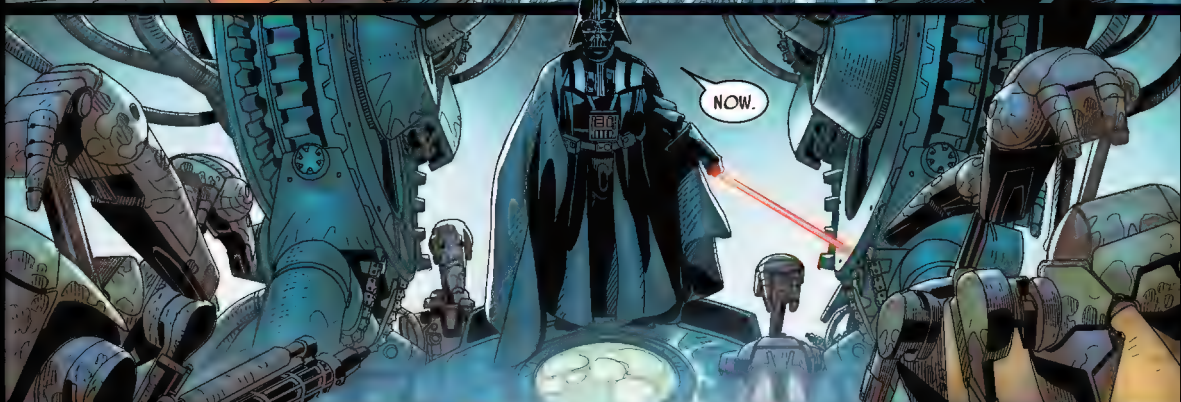




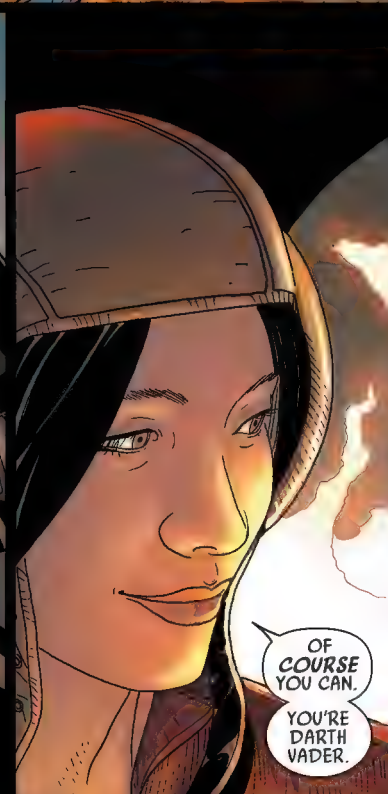
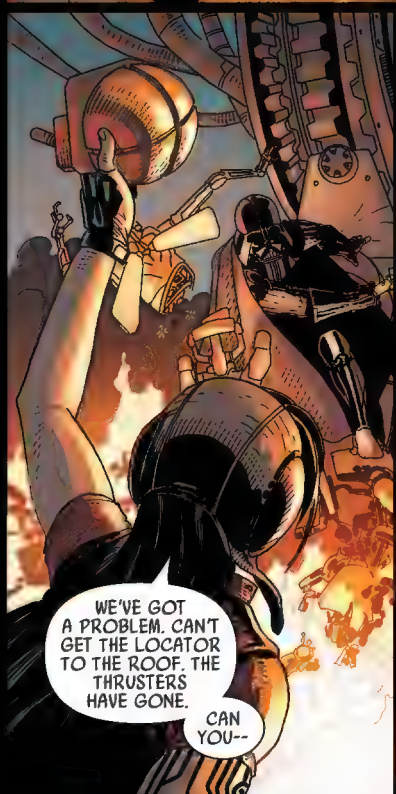




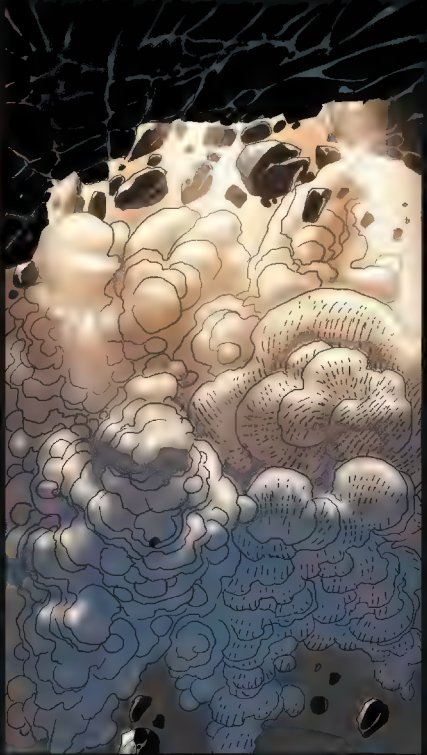
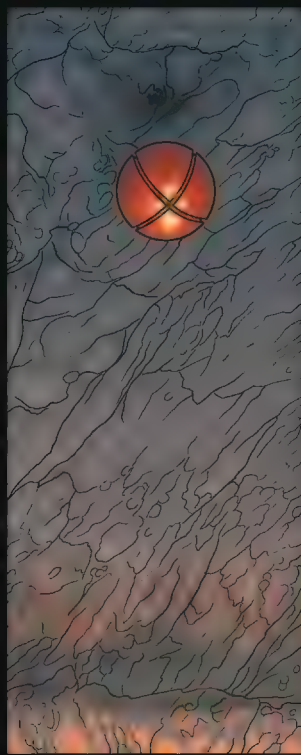




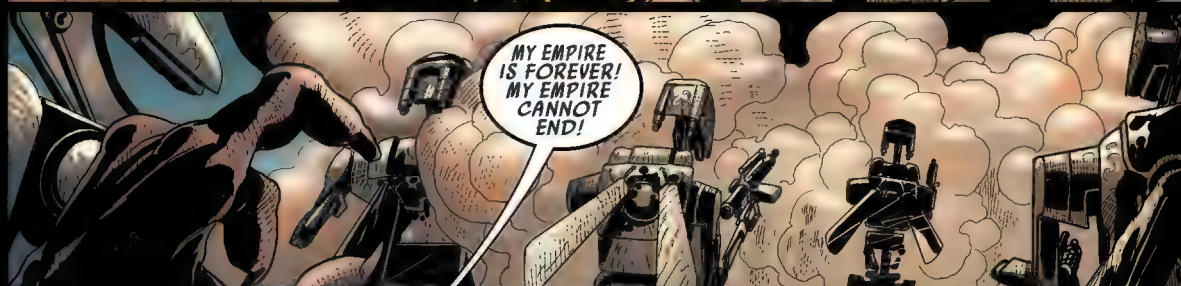
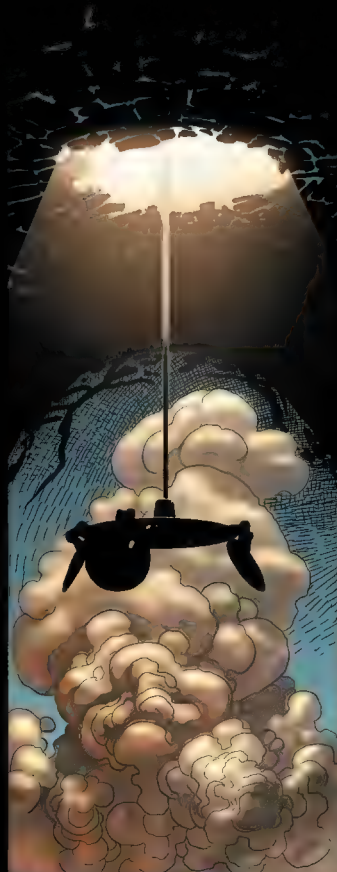












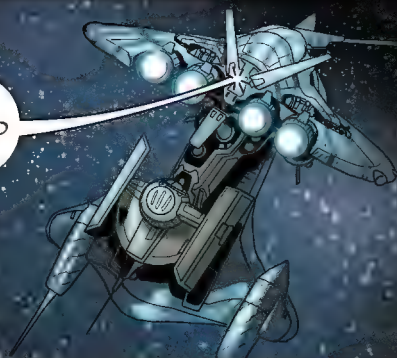




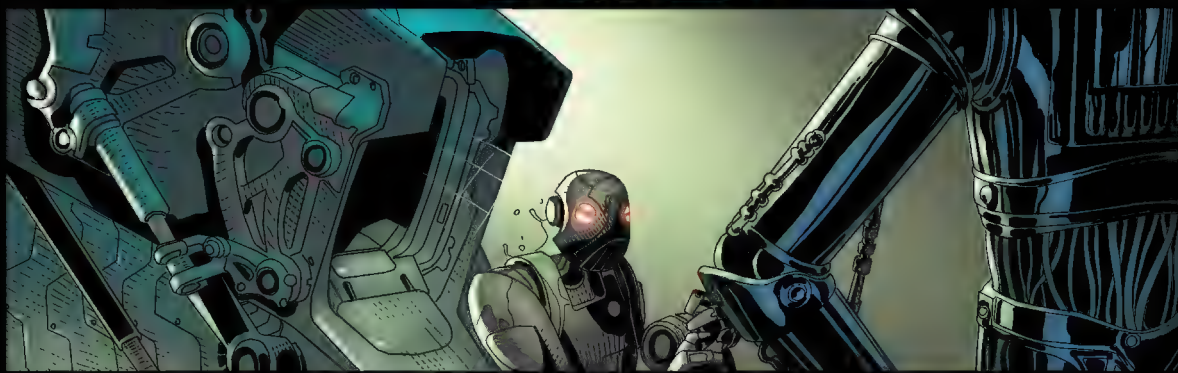


Later.

OKAY...WE  
TURN THIS  
AND WE SHOULD  
HAVE POWER  
TO...

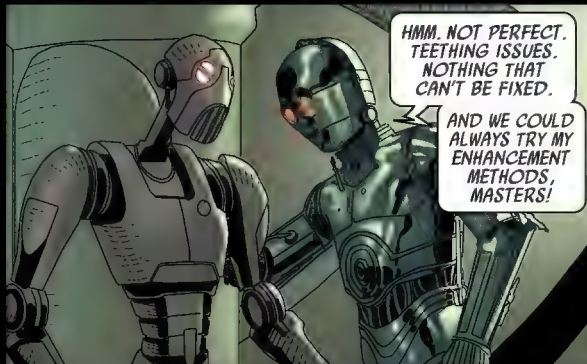


AND  
WE'RE  
GO.



HMM. NOT PERFECT.  
TEETHING ISSUES.  
NOTHING THAT  
CAN'T BE FIXED.

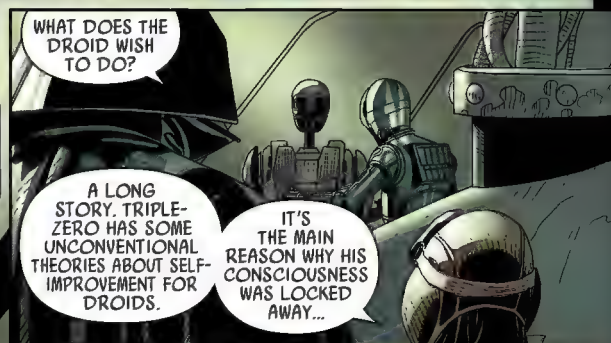
AND WE COULD  
ALWAYS TRY MY  
ENHANCEMENT  
METHODS,  
MASTERS!



WHAT DOES THE  
DROID WISH  
TO DO?

A LONG  
STORY. TRIPLE-  
ZERO HAS SOME  
UNCONVENTIONAL  
THEORIES ABOUT SELF-  
IMPROVEMENT FOR  
DROIDS.

IT'S  
THE MAIN  
REASON WHY HIS  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
WAS LOCKED  
AWAY...



BUT, IN A  
FEW HOURS YOU'LL  
HAVE YOUR DROID ARMY.  
SOME MINOR TWEAKS TO  
GET IT 100%, BUT  
NOTHING THAT BT  
CAN'T HANDLE.



SO...





...ARE YOU  
PLANNING TO  
KILL ME NOW  
OR LATER?



YOU HAVE A PRIVATE  
OFF-THE-GRID ARMY FOR  
WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING  
NEXT. YOU DON'T NEED  
ME ANYMORE.

I KNEW MY  
CLOCK WAS TICKING  
FOR THE SECOND YOU  
STEPPED OFF YOUR  
TIE FIGHTER.



IF I GET A CHOICE,  
I'D LIKE THE LIGHTSABER  
RIGHT THROUGH  
THE NECK.

NO  
WARNING.  
NICE AND  
QUICK.



IF I GET  
A VETO,  
EJECTION INTO  
SPACE.

ALWAYS HAD  
NIGHTMARES  
ABOUT THAT.  
BRRR.



I ACT GLIB,  
BUT I'M NOT  
STUPID.

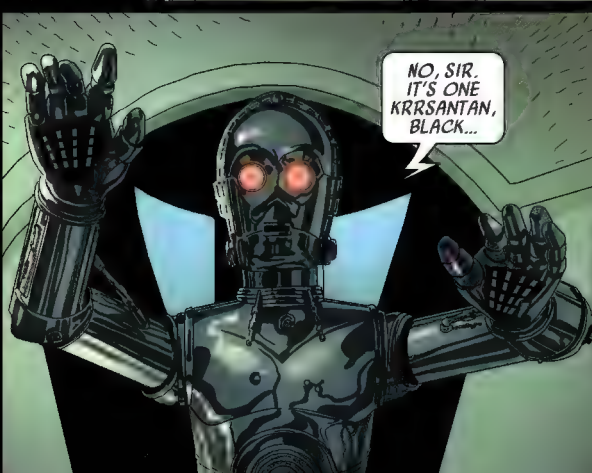
THE WAY  
I'VE LIVED,  
I KNOW I'M  
LUCKY TO  
BE ALIVE.



I'D RATHER  
NOT DIE, YOU  
UNDERSTAND.

BUT I'M  
HAPPY MY  
BLOOD'S DOODLING  
IN THE MARGINS OF A  
STORY WORTH  
TELLING...



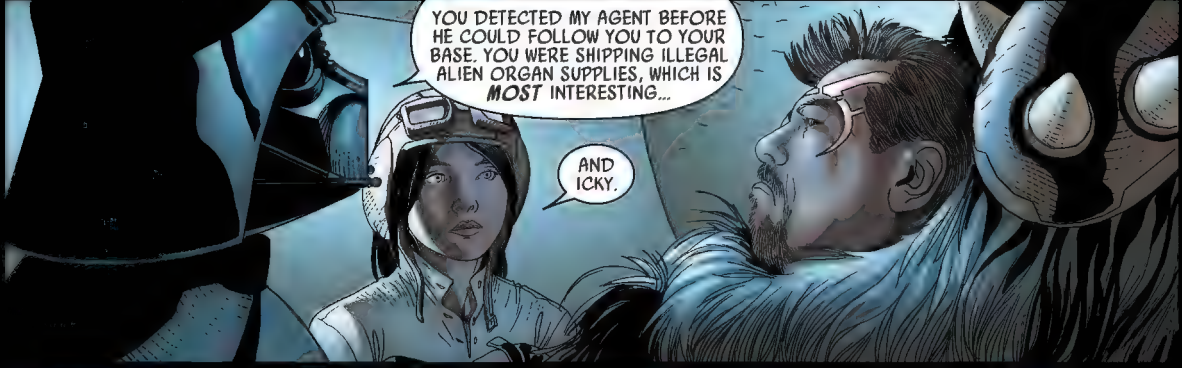






"HE CLAIMS TO HAVE  
A VERY IMPORTANT  
DELIVERY FOR YOU."

WWRRRRHHHH!



YOU DETECTED MY AGENT BEFORE  
HE COULD FOLLOW YOU TO YOUR  
BASE. YOU WERE SHIPPING ILLEGAL  
ALIEN ORGAN SUPPLIES, WHICH IS  
*MOST* INTERESTING...

AND  
ICKY.



NOW WE  
NEED TO EXTRACT  
THE LOCATION OF  
YOUR HEADQUARTERS  
AND WHAT TASK MY  
MASTER SET  
FOR YOU...

TORTURE  
ME.

I WON'T  
TELL YOU  
ANYTHING.

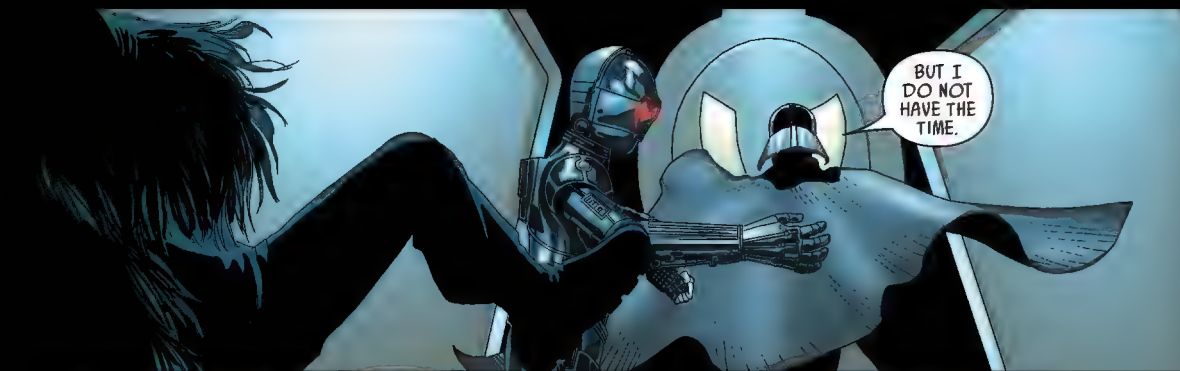


YOU WON'T  
EVEN GET MY  
NAME.

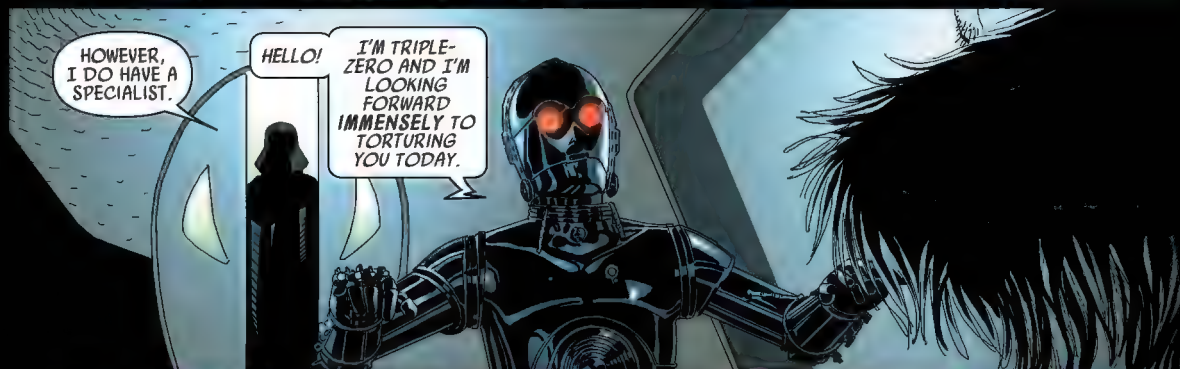


IF I  
WANTED YOU  
TO TALK, YOU  
WOULD.





BUT I  
DO NOT  
HAVE THE  
TIME.



HOWEVER,  
I DO HAVE A  
SPECIALIST.

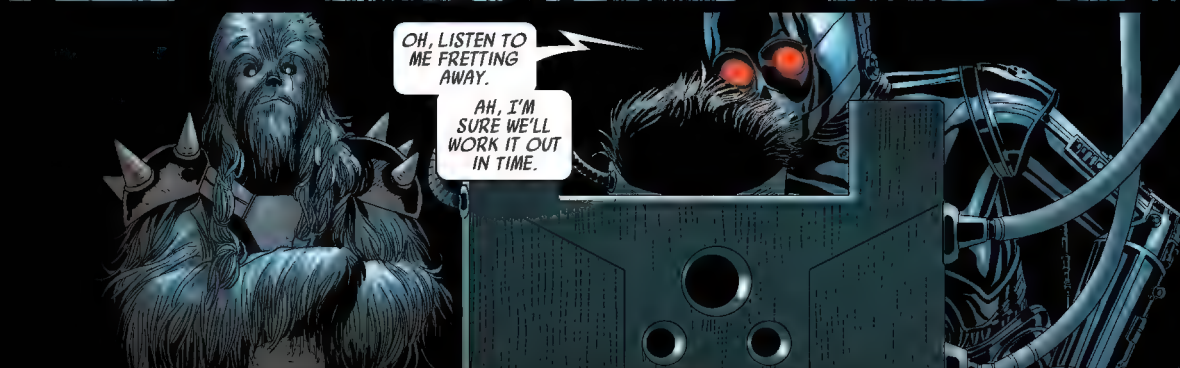
HELLO!

I'M TRIPLE-  
ZERO AND I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
IMMENSELY TO  
TORTURING  
YOU TODAY.



INTERESTING  
UPGRADES.  
GRAFTED FLESH  
FROM MULTIPLE  
SPECIES.

WHAT PAIN  
RECEPTOR  
SENSITIVITY  
SHOULD I  
ASSUME?



OH, LISTEN TO  
ME FRETTER  
AWAY.

AH, I'M  
SURE WE'LL  
WORK IT OUT  
IN TIME.



NOW--LET'S  
START WITH  
YOUR NAME,  
EH?



Later.

I HAVE GOOD  
NEWS AND BAD  
NEWS ABOUT  
THE GENTLEMAN.

GOOD NEWS: I HAVE GREAT  
CONFIDENCE THAT I HAVE  
MANAGED TO EXTRACT ALL  
RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM  
--AH-- "DOCTOR CYLO-IV".

I KNOW THE LOCATION  
OF HIS RESEARCH BASE,  
THE NATURE OF HIS  
COMMISSION FROM THE  
EMPEROR, ETCETERA,  
ETCETERA.

THEN  
DISPOSE  
OF HIM.

AH, THEN I HAVE  
DOUBLY GOOD  
NEWS: HE'S  
ALREADY DEAD.

HIS BASE IS A NOVEL  
ORGANIC STRUCTURE  
INSIDE AN ISOLATED OUTER  
NEBULAE. I'VE FORWARDED  
THE NAVIGATION ROUTE TO  
THE COMPUTER.

I'M SURE YOU'RE  
VERY INTERESTED  
IN MEETING  
YOUR RIVALS.

EXPLAIN.

THE EMPEROR'S  
REPLACEMENTS  
FOR YOU,  
SIR.

SET  
COURSE.  
IMMEDIATELY.



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# VADER

Crisis strikes the galaxy. After the destruction of the DEATH STAR, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER has been deemed responsible by Emperor Palpatine. Dishonored, Vader now seeks his own agenda - the identity of the Force-strong rebel pilot responsible for the Death Star's ruin.

Enlisting the assistance of archaeologist DOCTOR APHRA, Vader has acquired a personal army composed of battle droids from a forgotten factory on the planet Geonosis. And with the help of Black Krrsantan and droids Triple-Zero and BT, Vader has captured the mysterious agent CYLO-IV who is secretly working for the Emperor.

Now with the might of an army under his hand, Vader sets out to the far reaches of space to hunt down those whom the Emperor has deemed worthy enough to replace the Dark Lord of the Sith....

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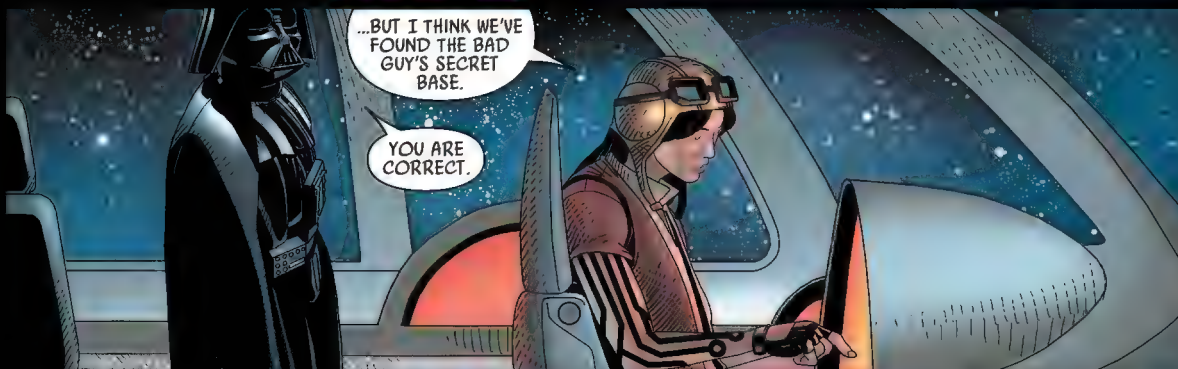
# The Outer Rim.



YOU KNOW,  
I DON'T WANT  
TO JINK  
ANYTHING...

...BUT I THINK WE'VE  
FOUND THE BAD  
GUY'S SECRET  
BASE.

YOU ARE  
CORRECT.



I WAS  
JOKING.

I AM  
AWARE.

DO NOT  
EXPECT ME  
TO HUMOR  
YOU.



YEAH,  
I KNOW.  
BUT I HAVE  
TO SAY...

IT'S  
IMPRESSIVE.



IT IS...







...IF ONE  
IS FOND OF  
ABOMINATIONS.

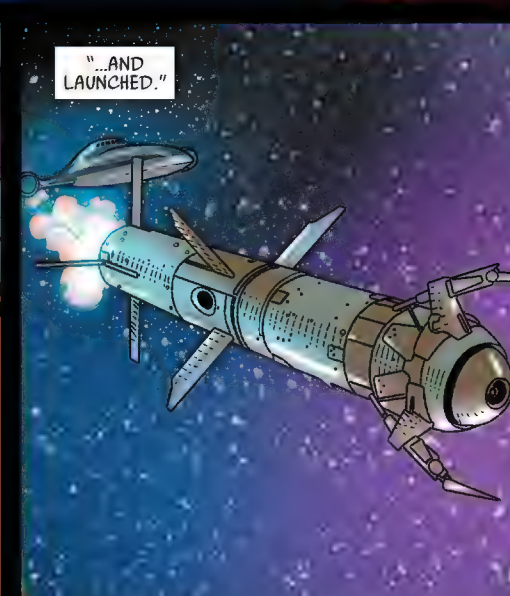


BEGIN,  
APHRA.

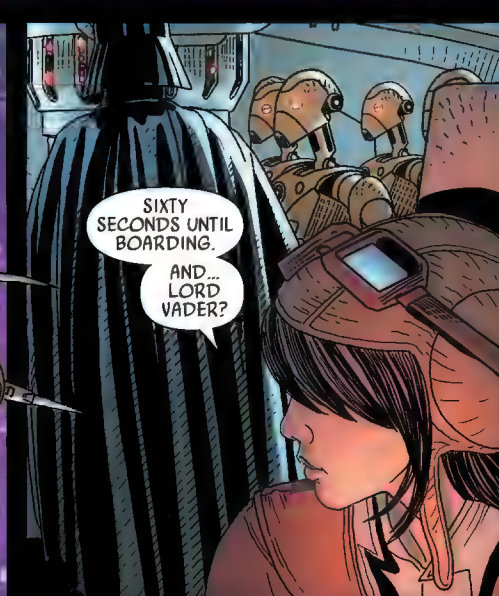
ILLEGAL  
BOARDING  
MISSION  
IS GO.



OKAY,  
ION CHARGE  
PREPPED...



"...AND  
LAUNCHED."



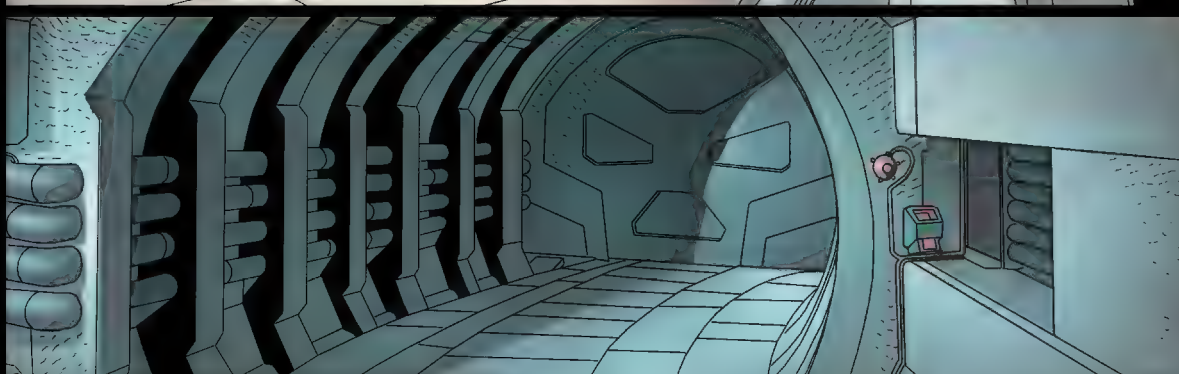
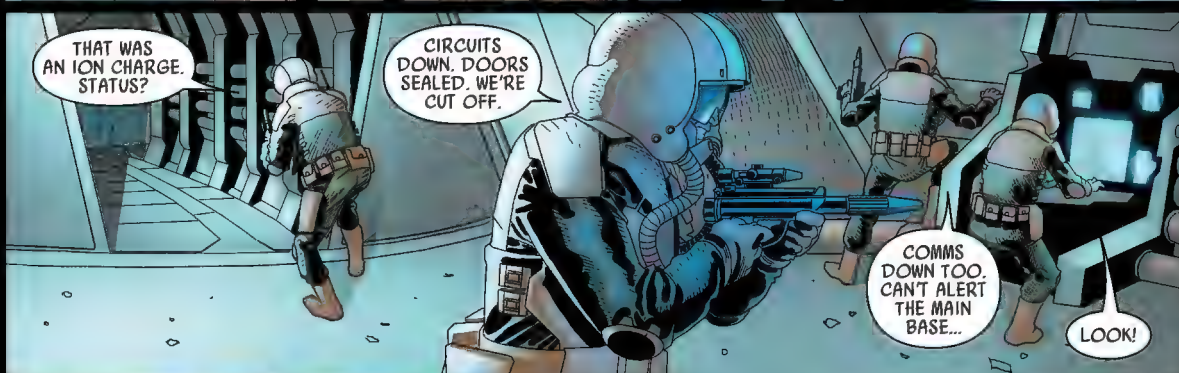
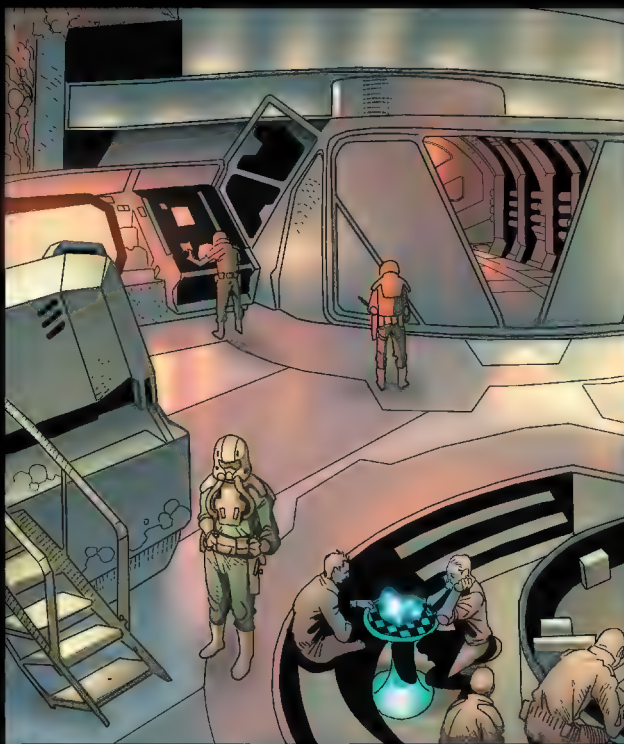
SIXTY  
SECONDS UNTIL  
BOARDING.  
AND...  
LORD  
VADER?



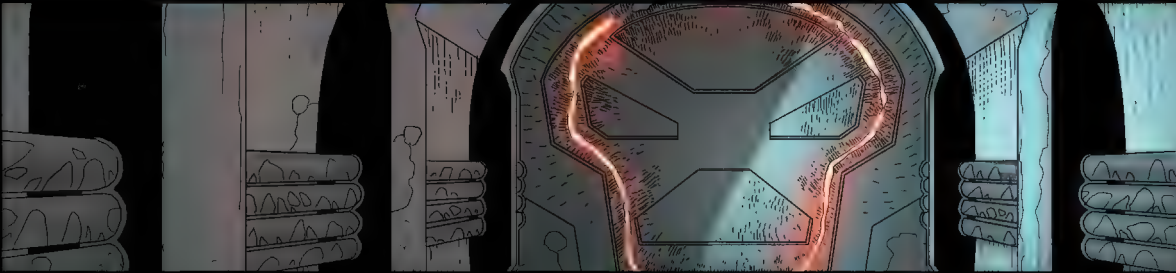
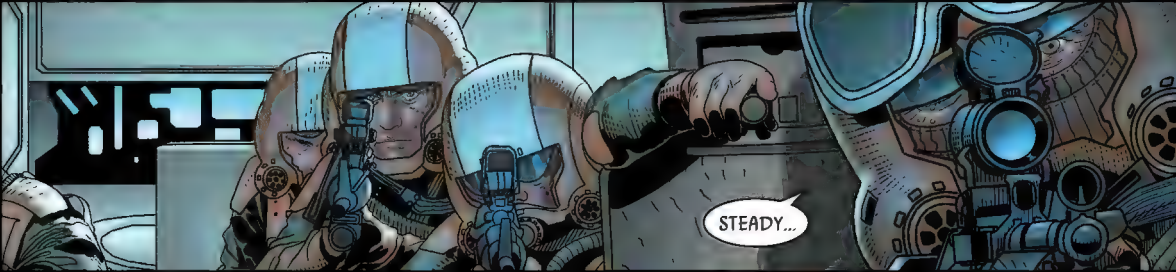
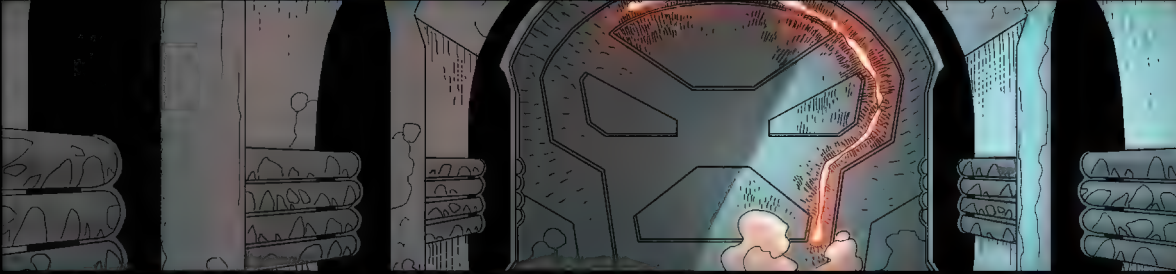
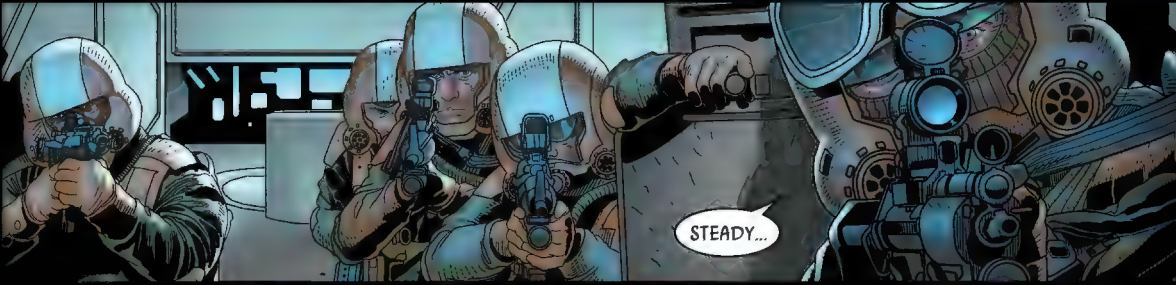
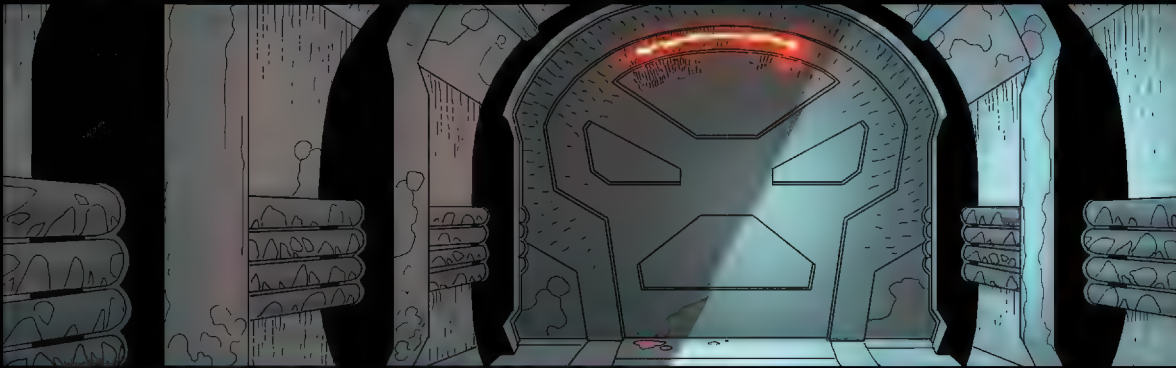
THIS IS  
THE GREATEST  
JOB OF MY  
LIFE.

MAY THE  
FORCE BE  
WITH YOU.

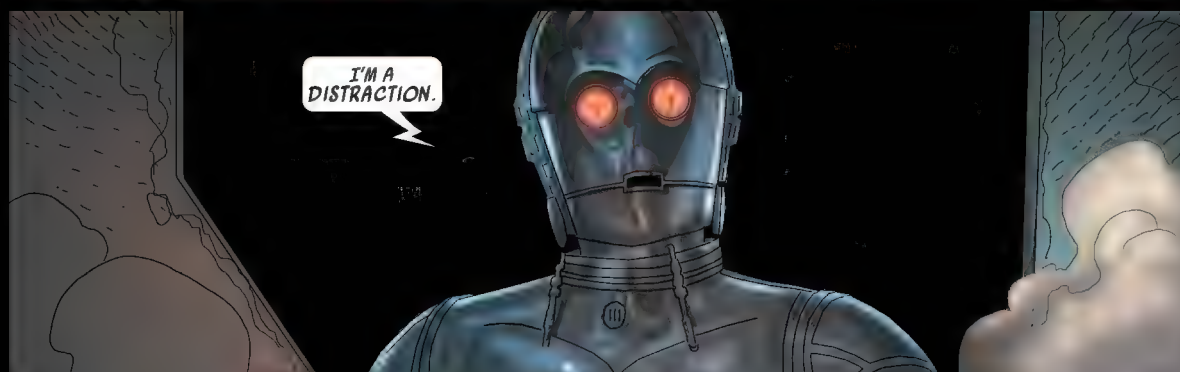
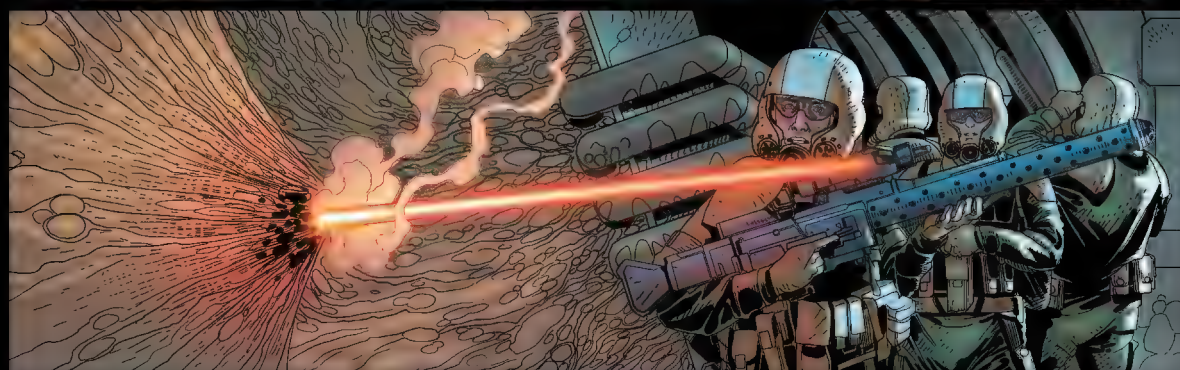
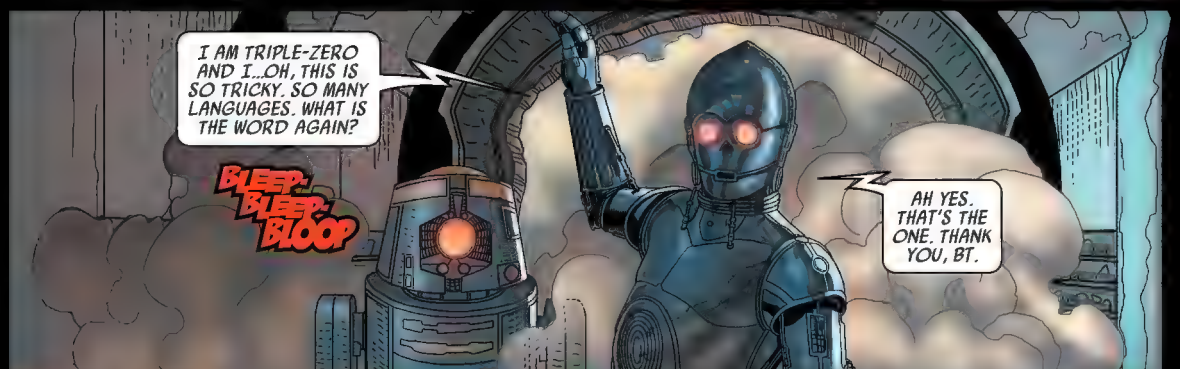
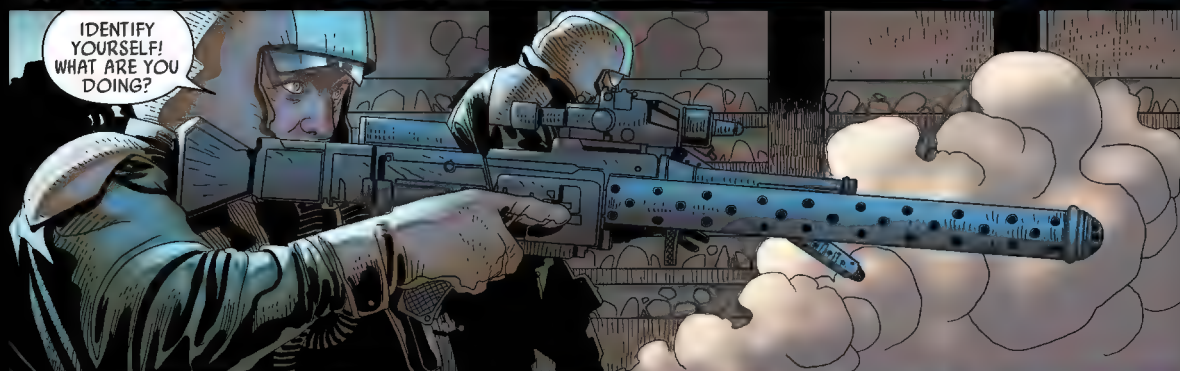
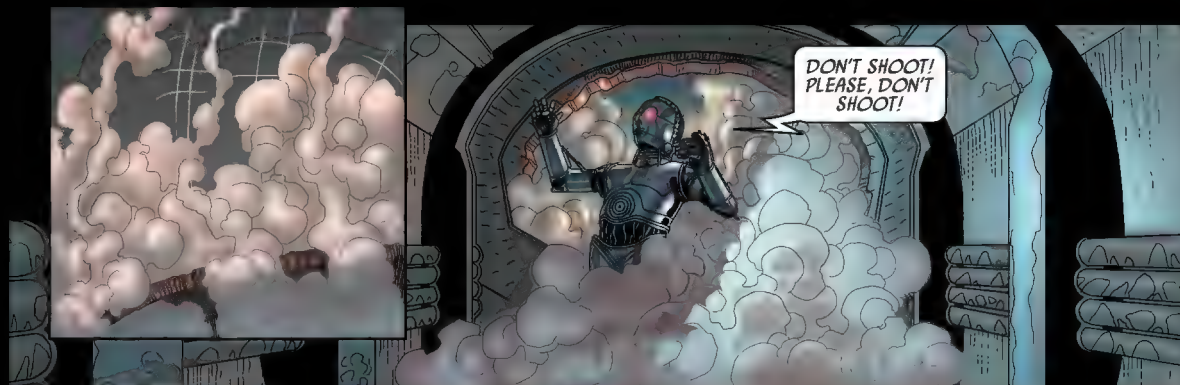




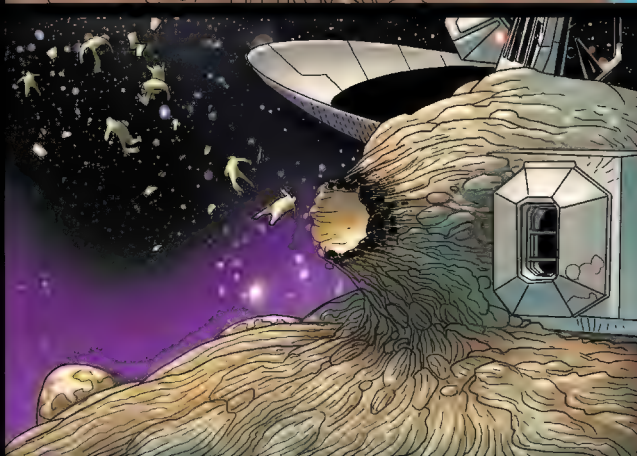
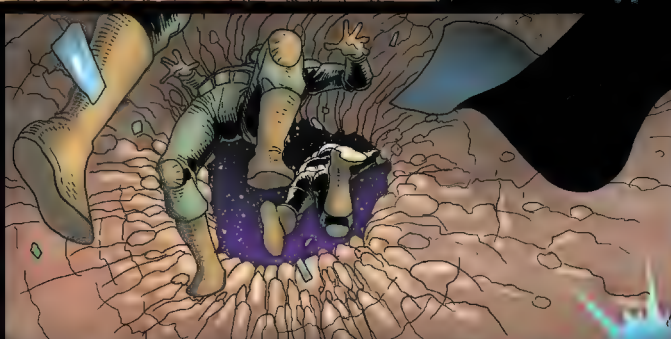




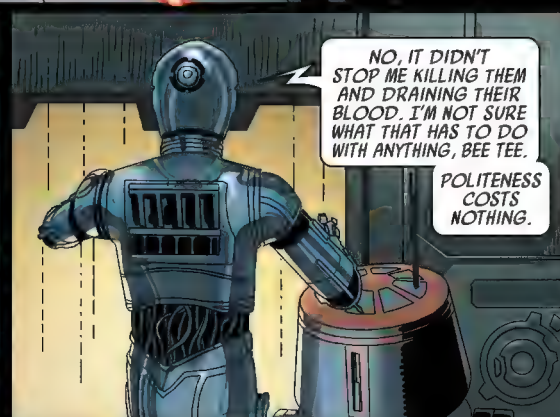
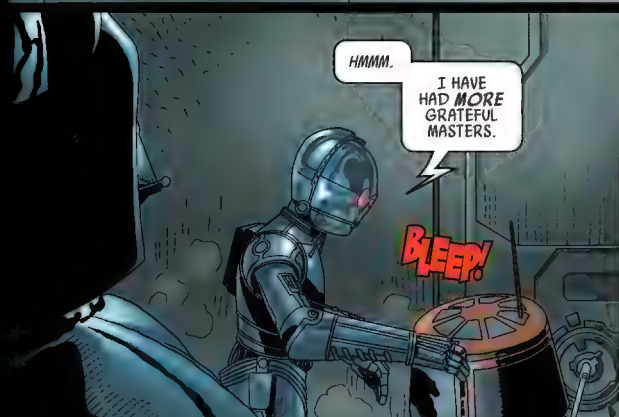




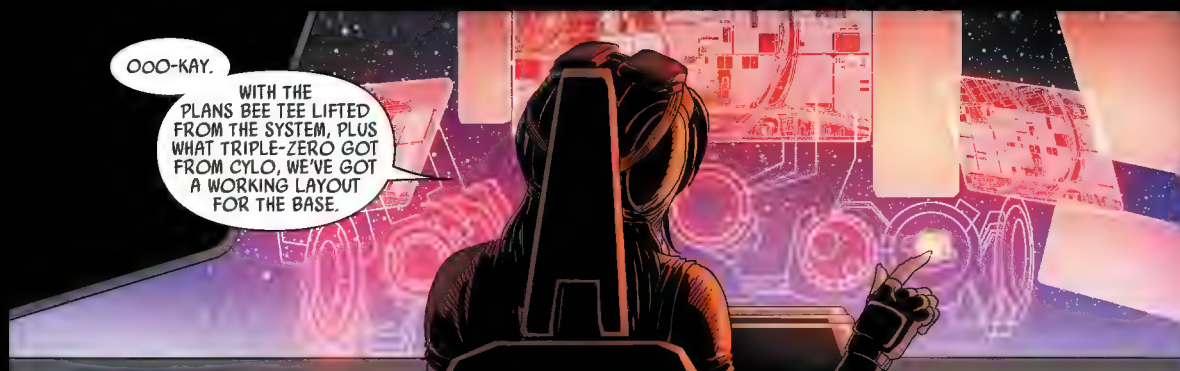












OOO-KAY.

WITH THE  
PLANS BEE TEE LIFTED  
FROM THE SYSTEM, PLUS  
WHAT TRIPLE-ZERO GOT  
FROM CYLO, WE'VE GOT  
A WORKING LAYOUT  
FOR THE BASE.



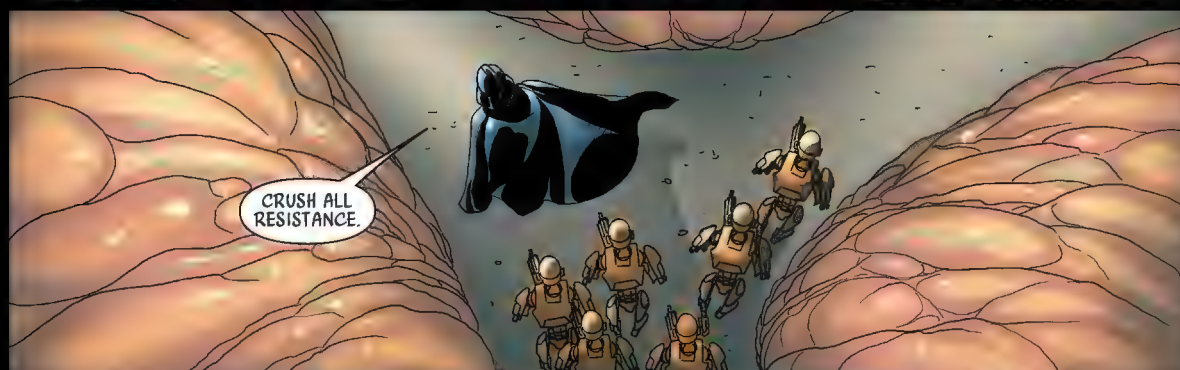
LOOKS LIKE  
TWO MAIN AREAS  
OF POSSIBLE  
RESISTANCE  
TO ME.

THE BARRACKS  
AND SOMETHING  
CALLED "THE  
DOJO..."

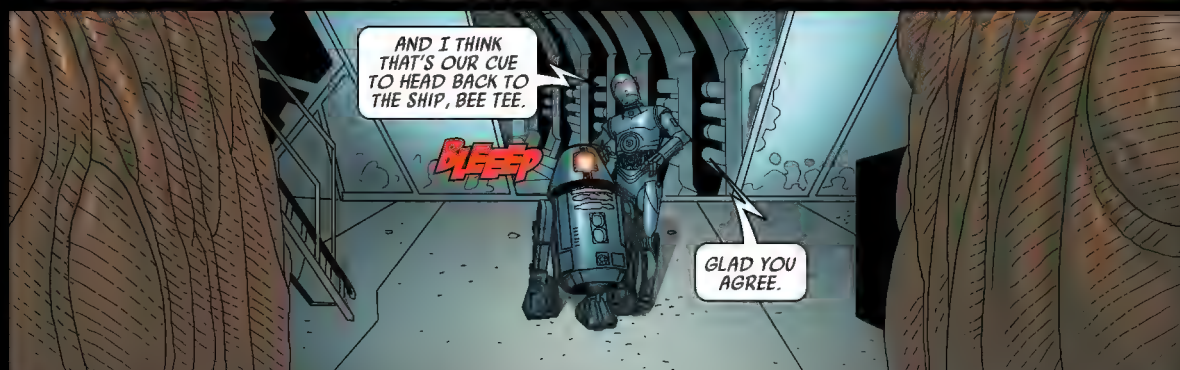


SECOND  
PLATOON, TO  
THE DOJO.

FIRST  
PLATOON,  
WITH ME.



CRUSH ALL  
RESISTANCE.

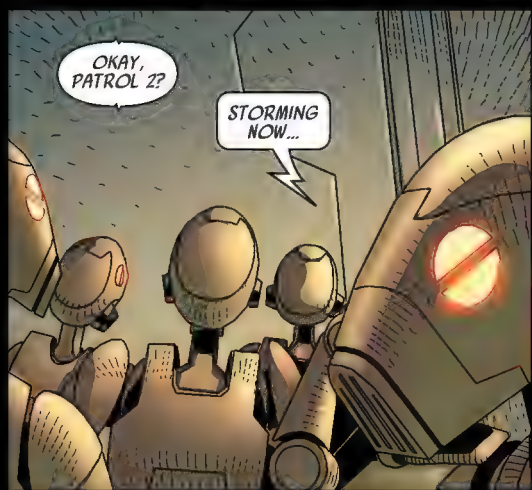


AND I THINK  
THAT'S OUR CUE  
TO HEAD BACK TO  
THE SHIP, BEE TEE.

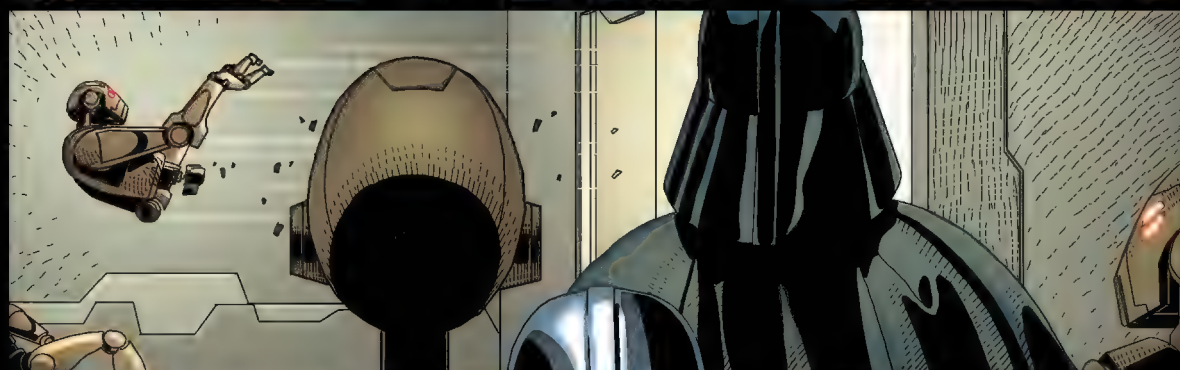
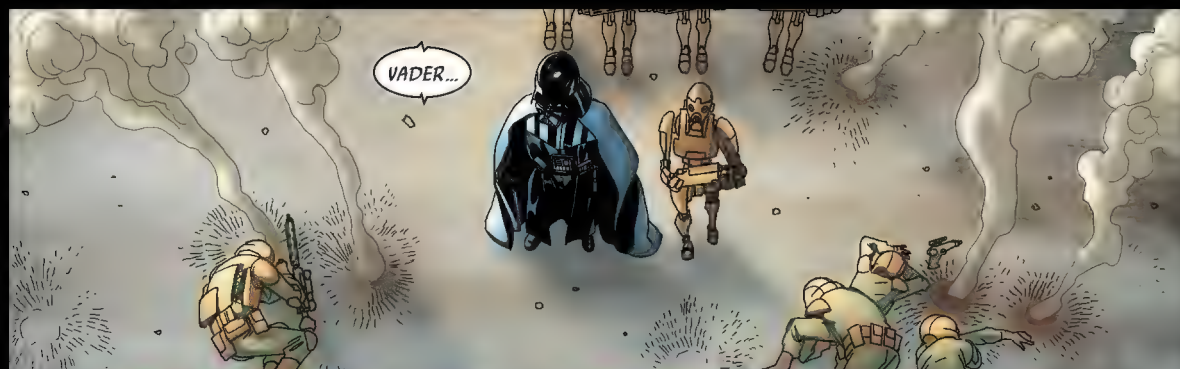
**BLEEP**

GLAD YOU  
AGREE.











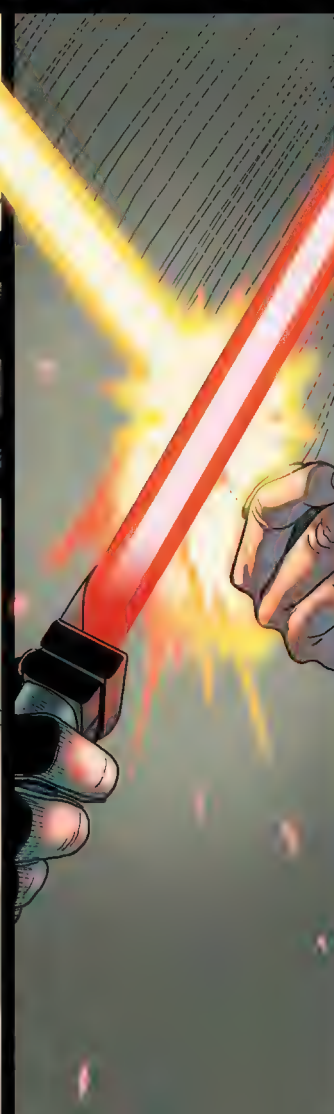


THIS  
ISN'T A  
TEST.  
THAT'S  
VADER.

AT  
LAST.



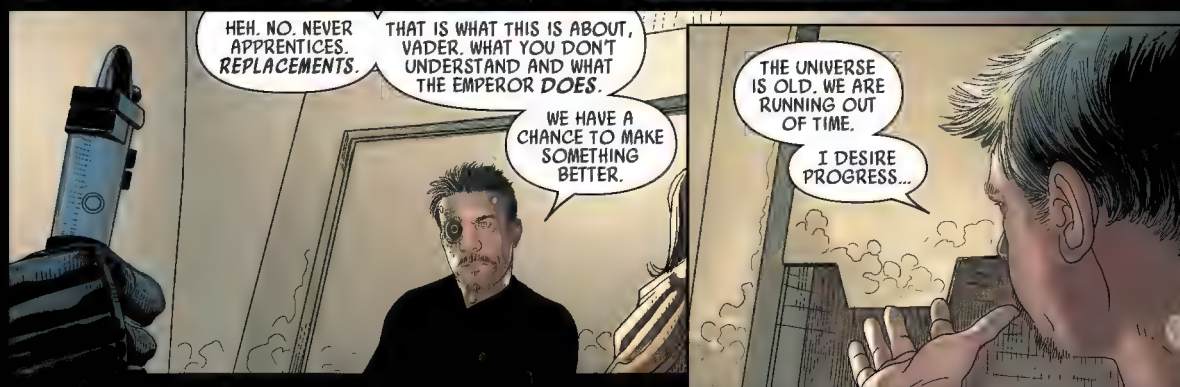
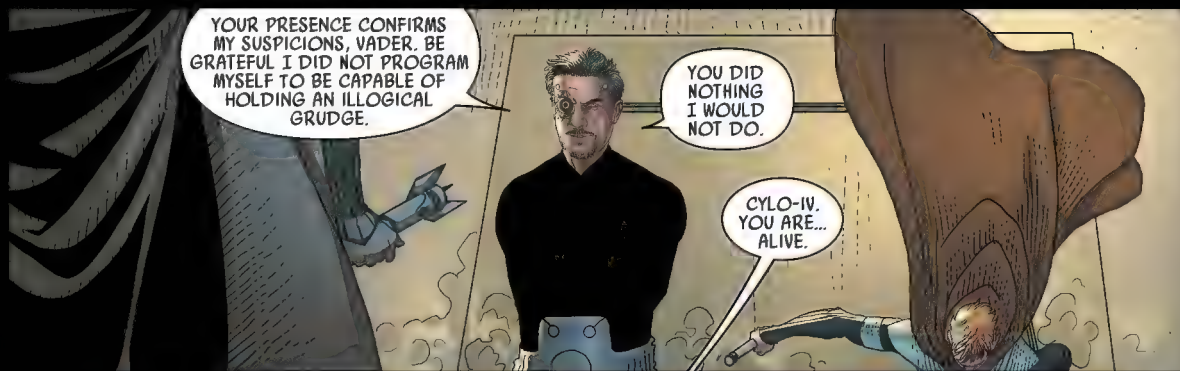










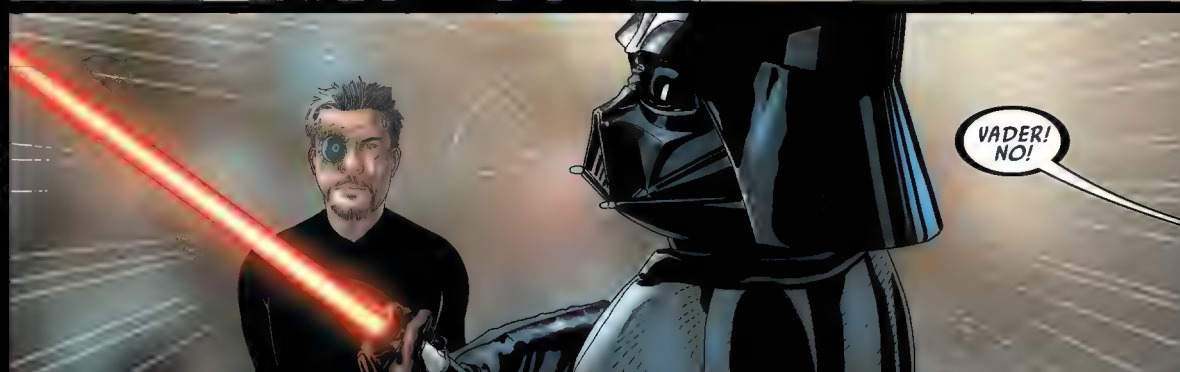




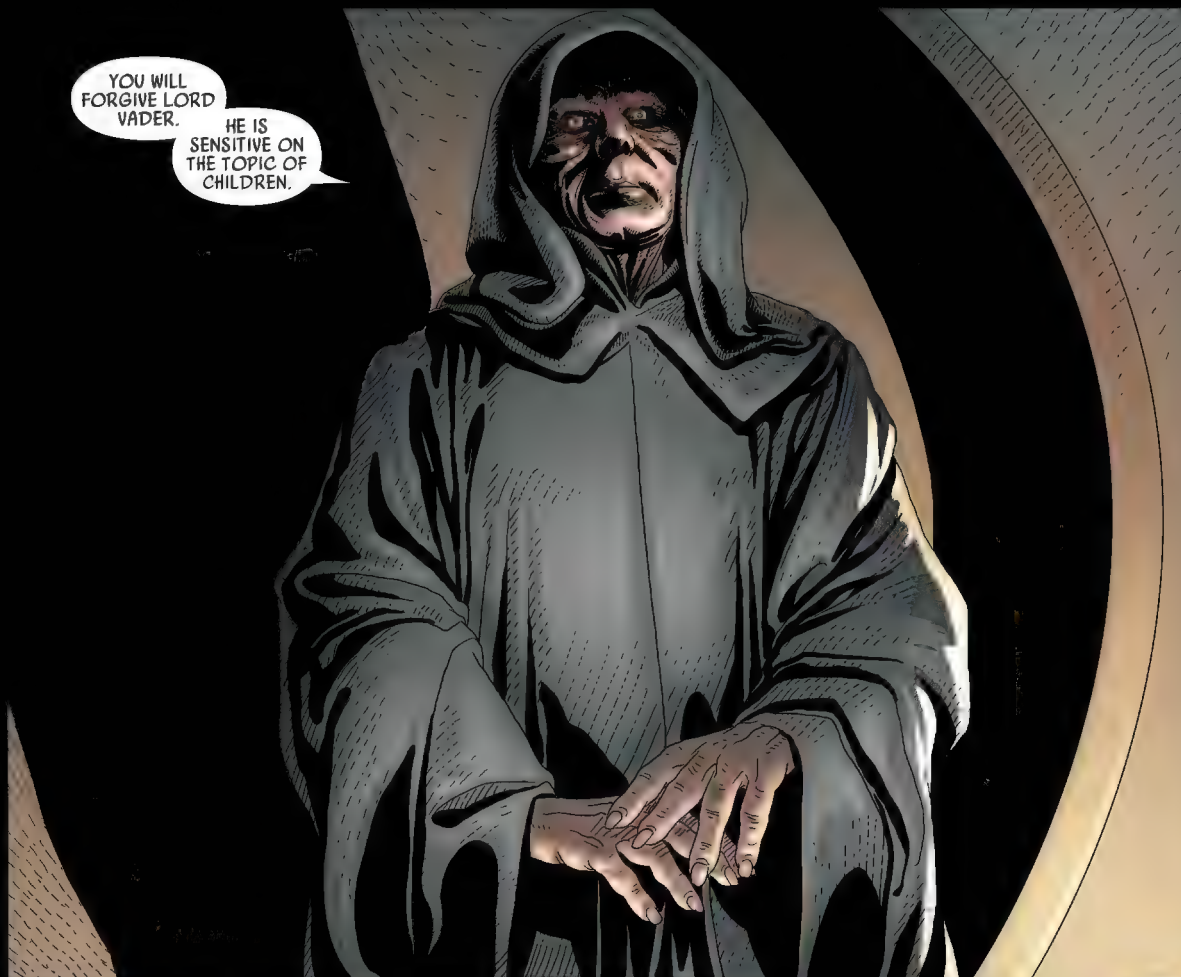
THE  
FORCE IS  
OBSOLETE.  
THESE  
ARE ITS  
SUCCESSORS.











YOU WILL  
FORGIVE LORD  
VADER.

HE IS  
SENSITIVE ON  
THE TOPIC OF  
CHILDREN.



MY  
LORD.

WHEN CYLO-IV  
DIDN'T RETURN,  
I SUSPECTED WE WOULD BE  
RECEIVING A VISIT SHORTLY.  
THIS WAS EARLIER THAN  
I WOULD HAVE  
HOPED.

LUCKILY, WE  
ARE AHEAD OF  
SCHEDULE. AND I COULD  
ARRANGE THIS  
DEMONSTRATION...

I AM HERE TO PROVE THAT THE  
EMPEROR ONLY REALLY NEEDS  
AN APPRENTICE IN A  
CEREMONIAL ROLE.

HIS STRONG RIGHT  
HAND NEEDS THE FIRMEST GRIP,  
AND I AM HERE TO SHOW THAT MY  
CREATIONS HAVE A TIGHTER  
HOLD THAN YOU.



ENOUGH  
GRANDSTANDING,  
CYLO.

YOU HAVE MY  
PRESENCE.





SHOW  
ME SOMETHING  
WORTHY OF MY  
ATTENTION.



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A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away  
is a lot easier to get to than you think –  
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**Disorder engulfs the galaxy. After the destruction of the DEATH STAR by a mysterious Force-strong rebel pilot, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER was deemed responsible by his master, Emperor Palpatine. Now pursuing his own agenda, Vader enlisted his own assistance—the bounty hunter BOBA FETT and archaeologist DOCTOR APHRA.**

**With a newly acquired droid army, Darth Vader stormed a secluded stronghold in the Outer Rim where a technology specialist named Cylo has been secretly working for Palpatine creating lightsaber-wielding cyborgs.**

**Now in the presence the Emperor himself, Lord Vader must fight for both his honor and his life against Cylo's team of technically enhanced warriors....**

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**"To Mariano Gonzalez-Roth Voss, friend and fan...you will reach the stars first. The Force was strong with you, but not enough." –Salvador Larroca**



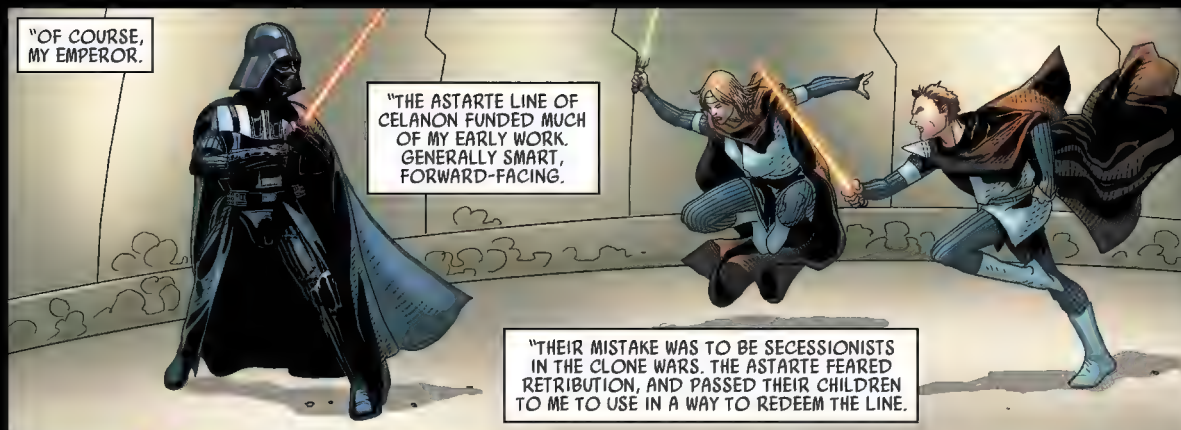
A full-page comic book illustration of Darth Vader. He is standing in a desolate, rocky landscape under a hazy, orange sky. He is wearing his iconic black armor and cape. He holds a glowing red lightsaber in his right hand, with the beam of light extending upwards. The scene is dramatic and atmospheric.

"YOU'VE  
HAD YEARS,  
CYLO..."

A close-up comic book panel showing the lower half of Vader's face. He is smiling, revealing his teeth. His gloved hand is visible near his chin. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of his mask and skin.

...IT WOULD  
BE UNWISE TO  
DISAPPOINT  
ME.





"OF COURSE,  
MY EMPEROR.

"THE ASTARTE LINE OF  
CELANON FUNDED MUCH  
OF MY EARLY WORK.  
GENERALLY SMART,  
FORWARD-FACING.

"THEIR MISTAKE WAS TO BE SECESSIONISTS  
IN THE CLONE WARS. THE ASTARTE FEARED  
RETRIBUTION, AND PASSED THEIR CHILDREN  
TO ME TO USE IN A WAY TO REDEEM THE LINE.

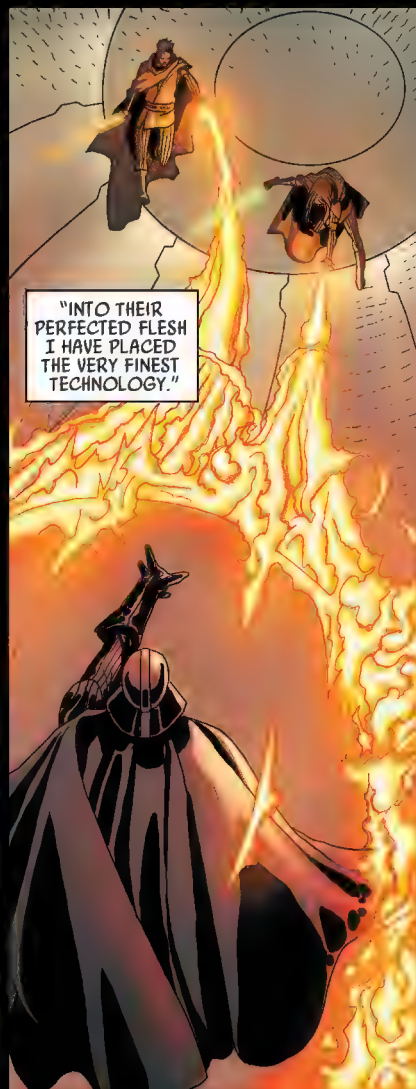


"THEY HAVE  
BEEN IN MY  
TENDER CARE  
EVER SINCE.

"MORIT AND AIOLIN  
SPENT THEIR FORMATIVE  
YEARS LEARNING  
LESSONS WHICH COULD  
BE ROUGHLY  
PARAPHRASED AS  
'HAIL PALPATINE.'



"THEY'VE HAD  
THE BEST GENETIC  
TWEAKS AND  
COMBAT TRAINING  
EVER SINCE.



"INTO THEIR  
PERFECTED FLESH  
I HAVE PLACED  
THE VERY FINEST  
TECHNOLOGY."



THEY WERE ONCE  
MERE HUMANS. NOW  
THEY ARE SOMETHING  
CONSIDERABLY  
MORE.

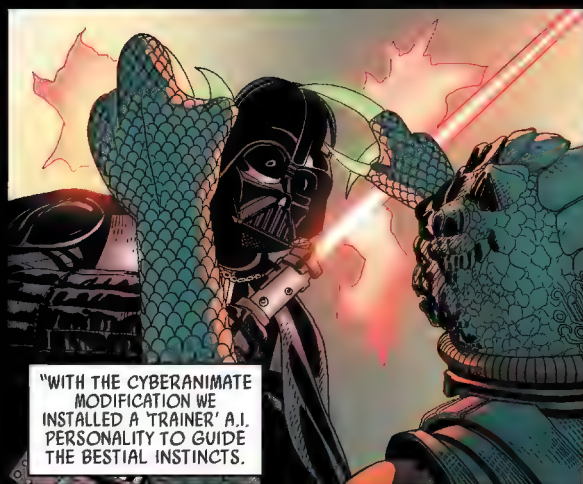
AND TWINS,  
SO I HAVE  
A SPARE. WHAT ELSE,  
CYLO?





"THE PROBLEM  
WITH LIEUTENANTS  
IS THEIR TENDENCY  
TO DIE.

"INDIVIDUALS  
CAN DIE. A  
SYSTEM IS  
IMMORTAL.

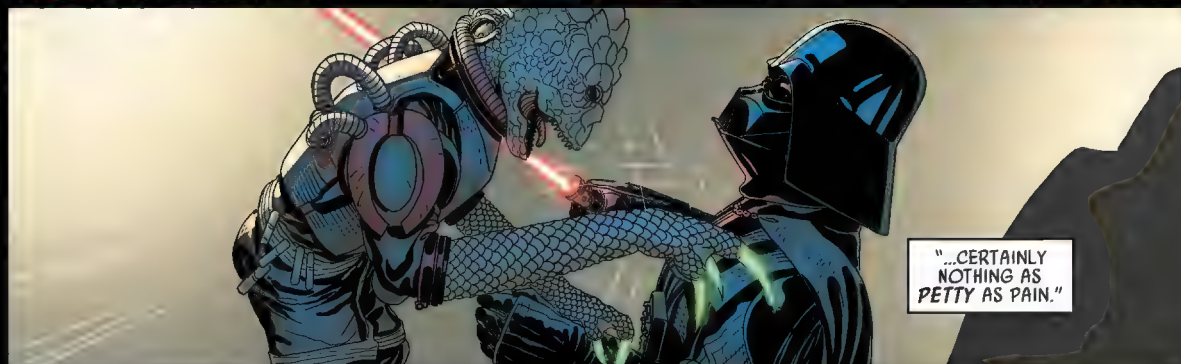


"WITH THE CYBERANIMATE  
MODIFICATION WE  
INSTALLED A 'TRAINER' A.I.  
PERSONALITY TO GUIDE  
THE BESTIAL INSTINCTS.



"GUIDE AND  
CENSOR.

"IT FEELS  
NOTHING OTHER  
THAN WHAT YOU  
DESIRE, MY  
EMPEROR...



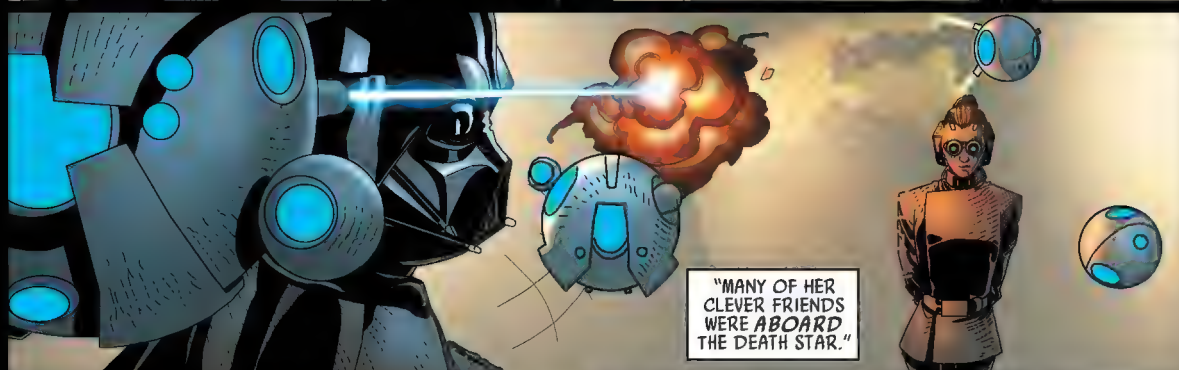
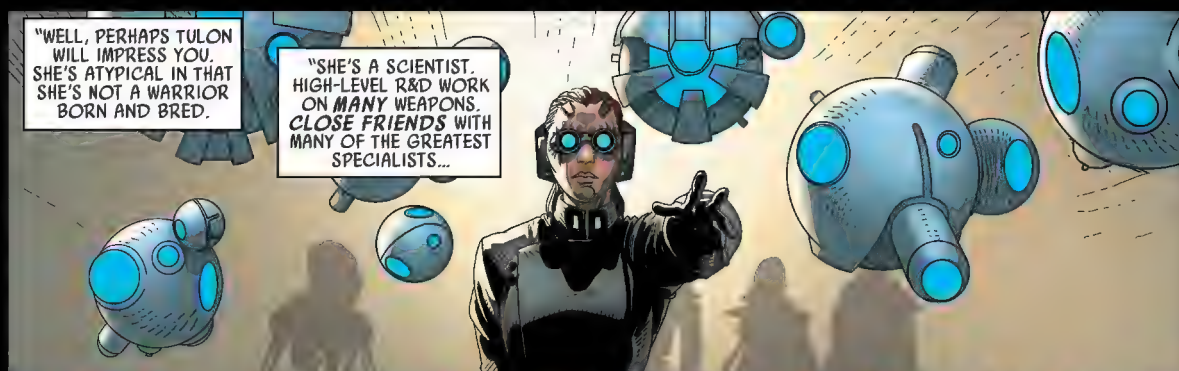
"...CERTAINLY  
NOTHING AS  
PETTY AS PAIN."



IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE  
TRANDOSHAN? WE CAN  
FIND OTHER HOSTS.  
IT SHOULD WORK ON  
ANYTHING UP TO  
AND INCLUDING  
A RANCOR...

I SEE.  
NEXT!







"THIS IS COMMANDER KARBIN. YOU MAY REMEMBER HIM FROM THE SEPARATIST WAR. HIS SHIP WAS LOST TOWARDS THE END. CONSIDERABLE INJURIES. UNTREATABLE."

"HE SPENT THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS ON LIFE SUPPORT."

"HE SPENT THE LAST *TWO* BEING ENHANCED."

"I WAS A GREAT ADMIRER OF THE LATE GENERAL GRIEVOUS."

"AN INTERESTING DESIGN..."

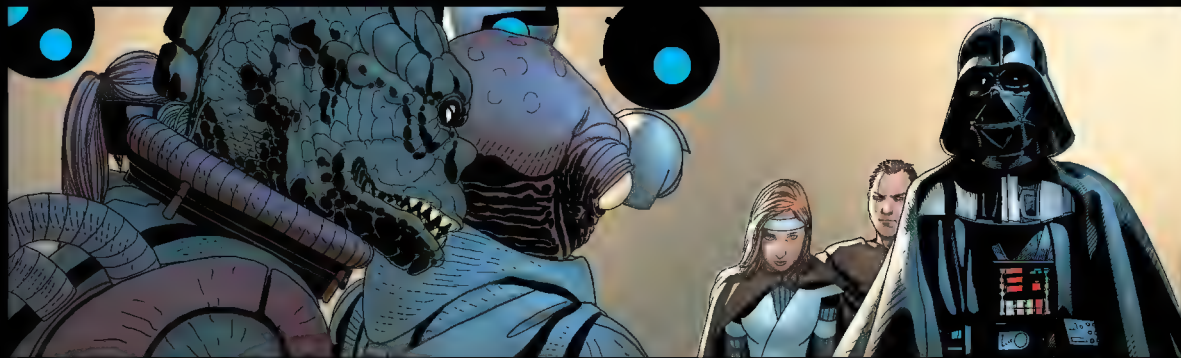
"...BUT VERY MUCH A FIRST STEP."

COMMANDER KARBIN IS THE NEXT.

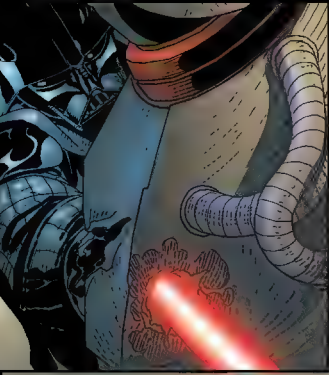
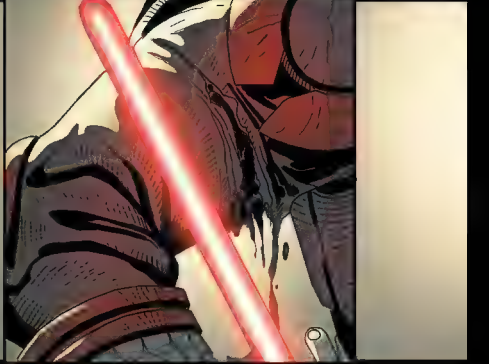
YES, SO YOU SAY.

LET US HAVE A REAL DEMONSTRATION...





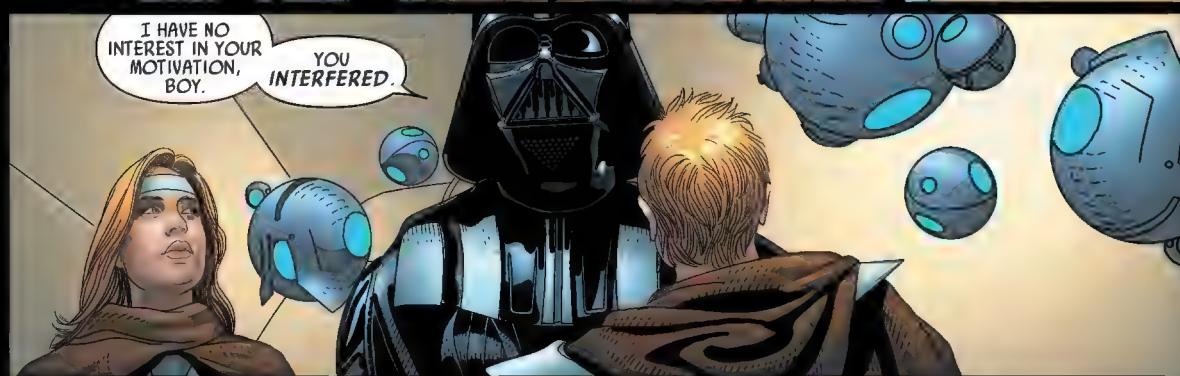
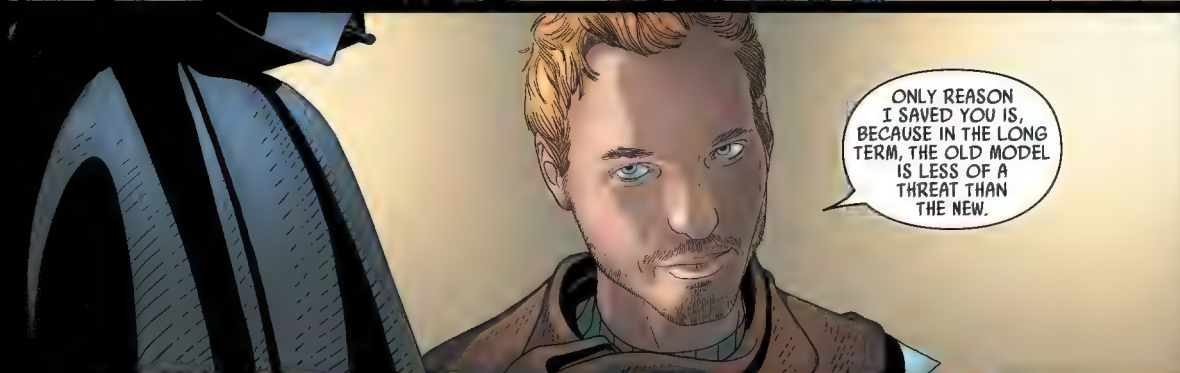








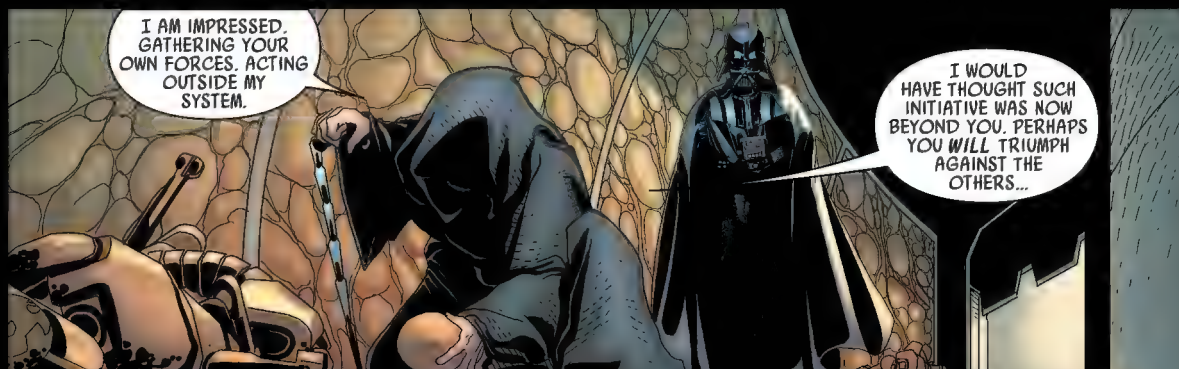












I AM IMPRESSED.  
GATHERING YOUR  
OWN FORCES. ACTING  
OUTSIDE MY  
SYSTEM.

I WOULD  
HAVE THOUGHT SUCH  
INITIATIVE WAS NOW  
BEYOND YOU. PERHAPS  
YOU WILL TRIUMPH  
AGAINST THE  
OTHERS...



THEY ARE  
ABOMINATIONS.

THIS IS  
**HERESY.**



YOU FORGET  
WHO IS MASTER  
AND WHO IS  
STUDENT.

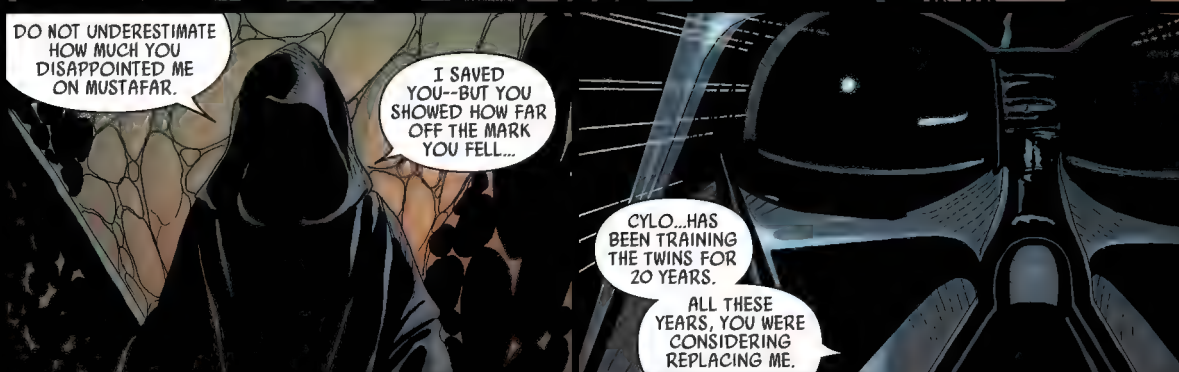
IT IS YOUR  
DUTY TO  
LEARN WHAT  
I KNOW.

IT IS MY  
DUTY TO LEARN  
WHAT THERE IS  
TO TEACH.



YOU STAND  
THERE, MORE  
METAL THAN MAN,  
AND TALK OF  
ABOMINATIONS?

WERE IT  
NOT FOR MY  
OPEN MIND, YOU  
WOULD NOT BE HERE.  
**EVERYTHING**  
IS OF THE  
FORCE.



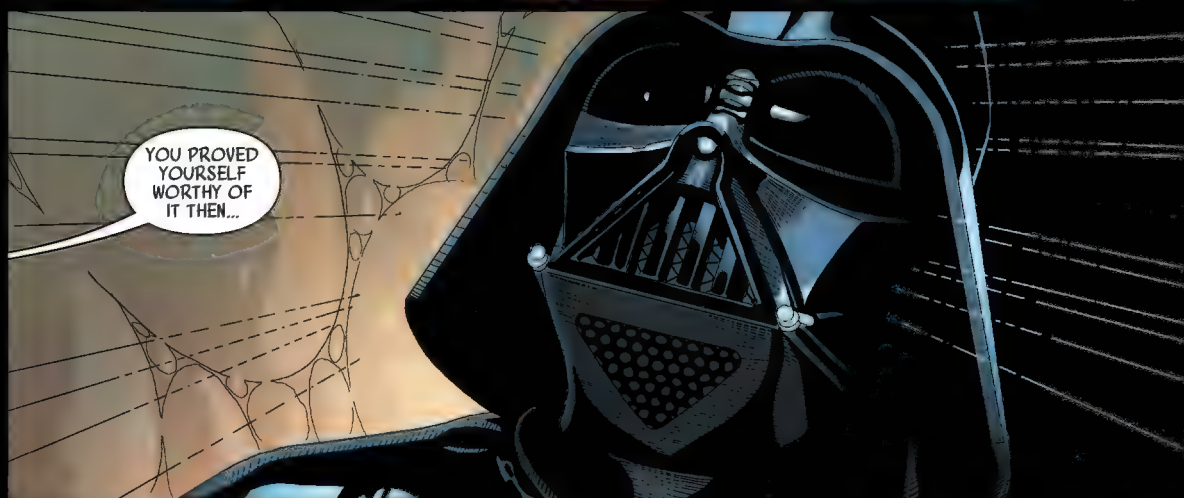
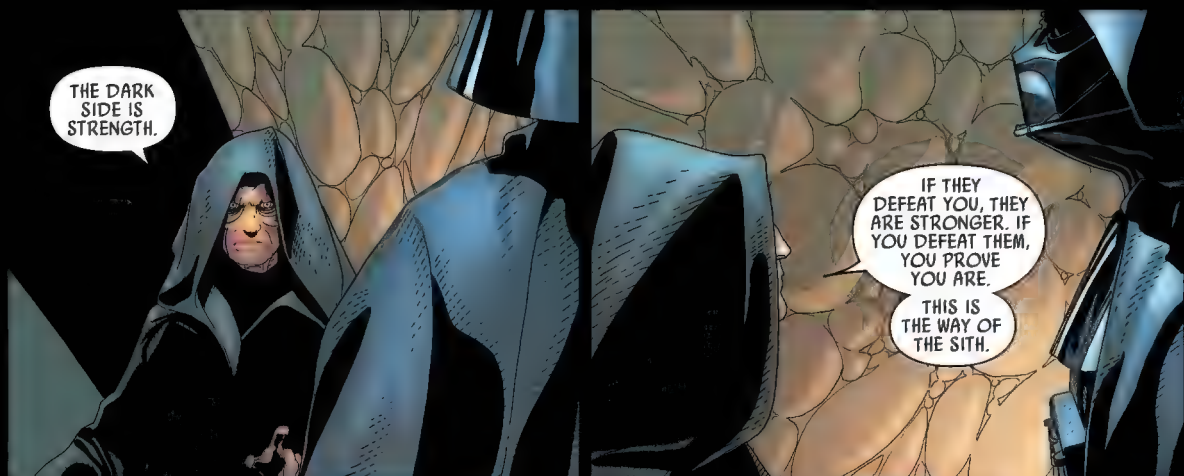
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE  
HOW MUCH YOU  
DISAPPOINTED ME  
ON MUSTAFAR.

I SAVED  
YOU--BUT YOU  
SHOWED HOW FAR  
OFF THE MARK  
YOU FELL...

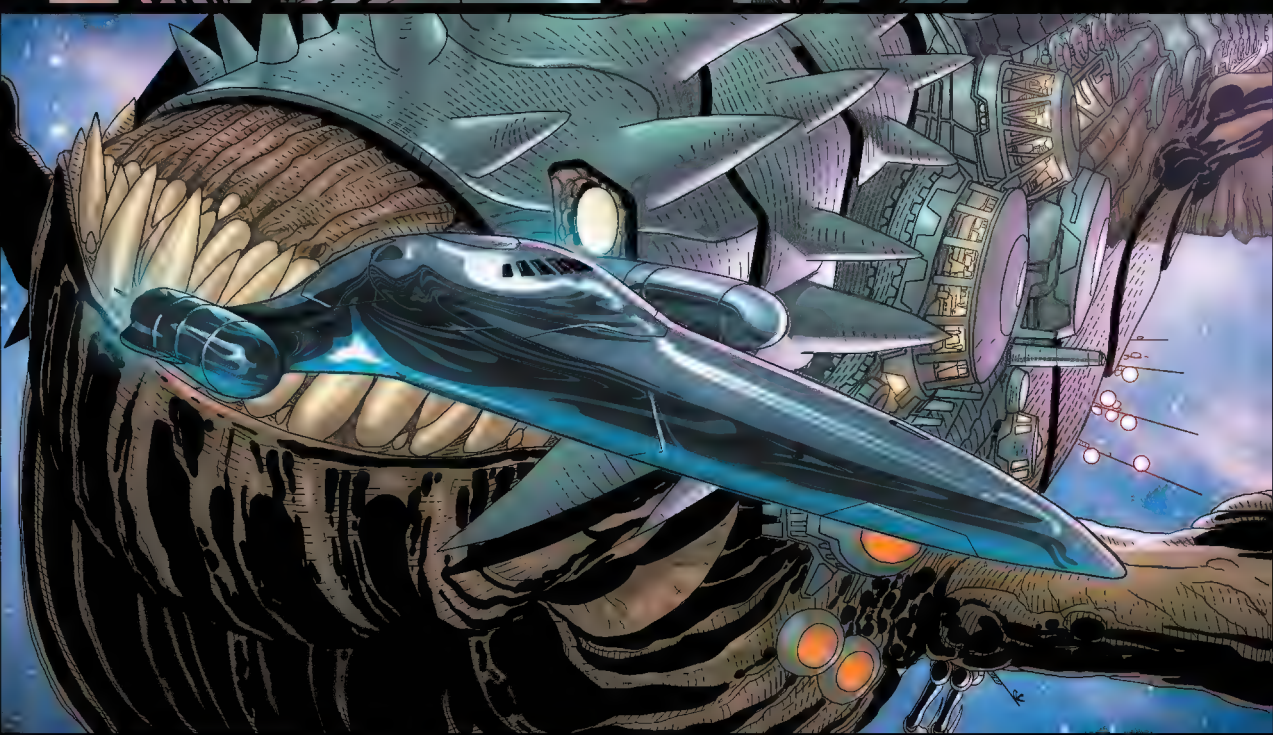
CYLO...HAS  
BEEN TRAINING  
THE TWINS FOR  
20 YEARS.

ALL THESE  
YEARS, YOU WERE  
CONSIDERING  
REPLACING ME.

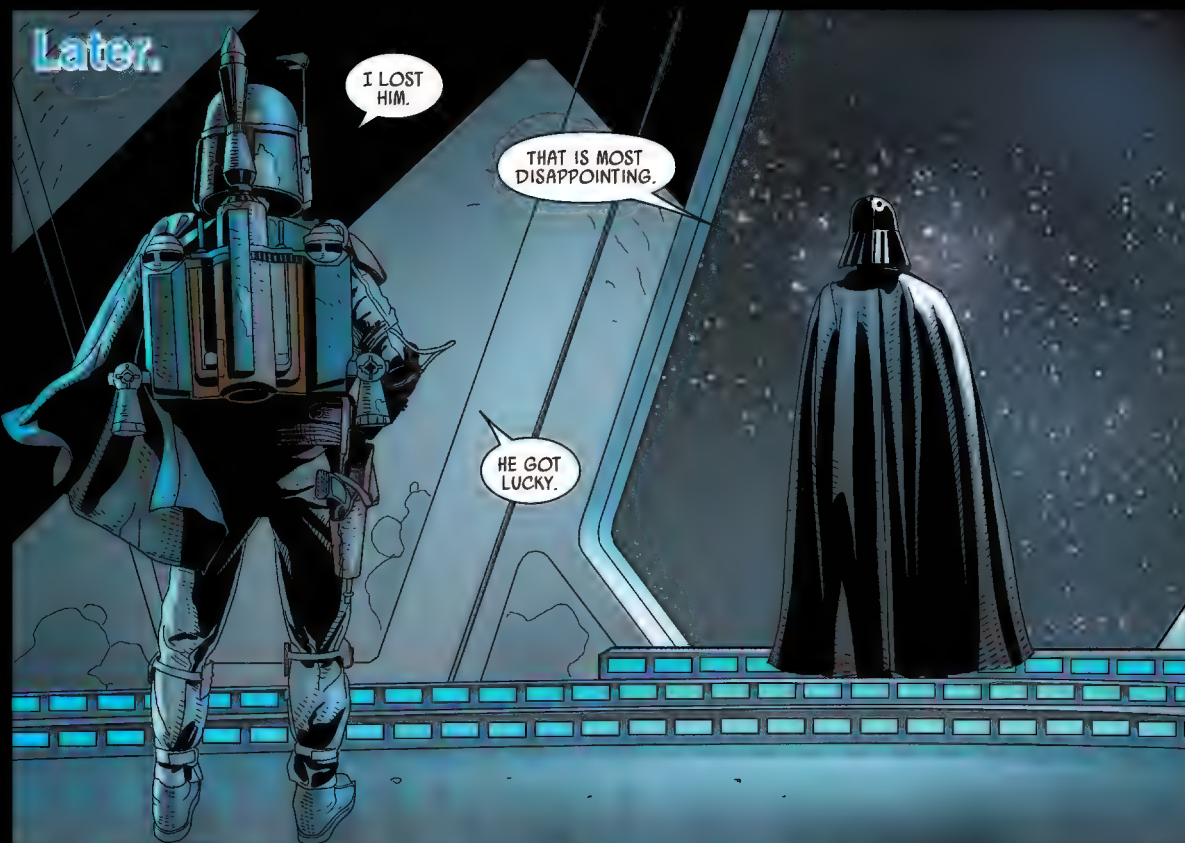










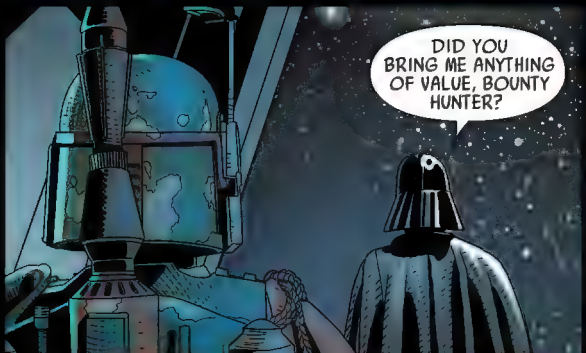


Later.

I LOST HIM.

THAT IS MOST DISAPPOINTING.

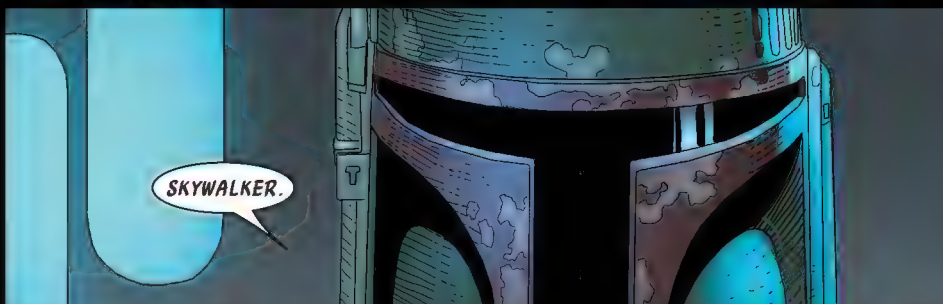
HE GOT LUCKY.



DID YOU BRING ME ANYTHING OF VALUE, BOUNTY HUNTER?



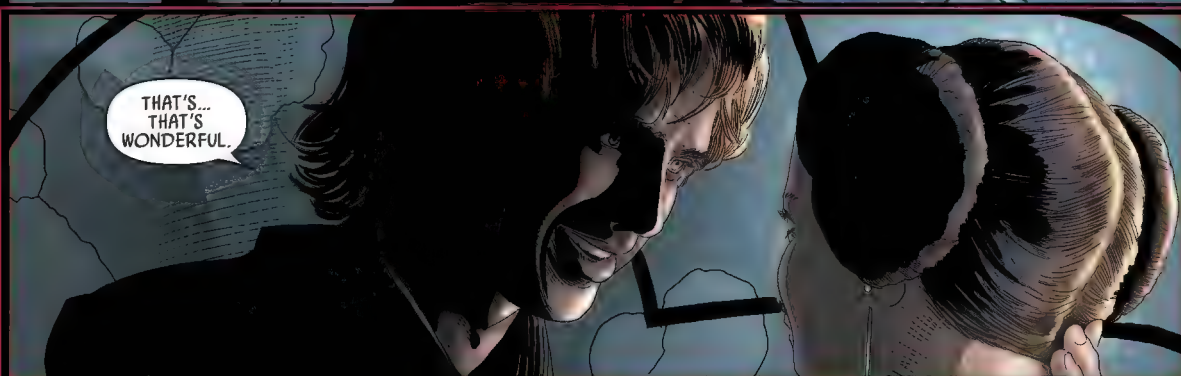
NOT MUCH. JUST HIS NAME.



SKYWALKER.









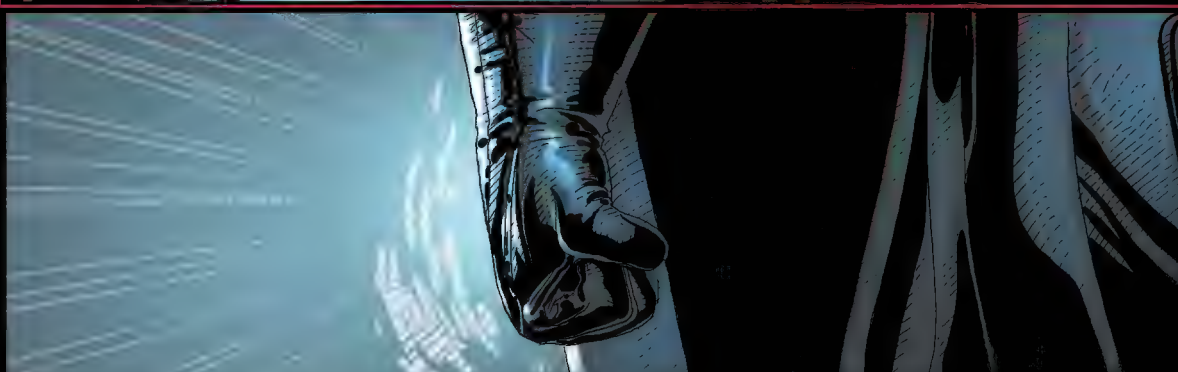


WHERE IS PADME? IS SHE SAFE? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?



I'M AFRAID SHE DIED. IT SEEMS IN YOUR ANGER...

...YOU KILLED HER.











YES,  
VADER?  
AH...



I SENSE  
YOUR ANGER.  
GREAT ANGER.  
HAVE YOU  
SOMETHING  
TO SAY?

SOME  
PROUD,  
DEFIANT  
WORDS?



OR ARE  
YOU WISE ENOUGH  
TO KNOW YOUR  
PLACE?



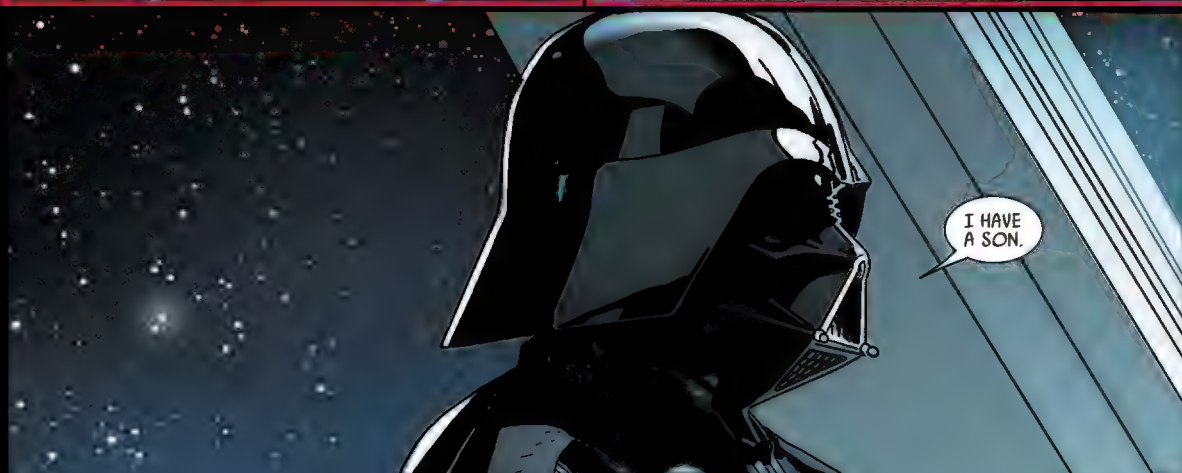
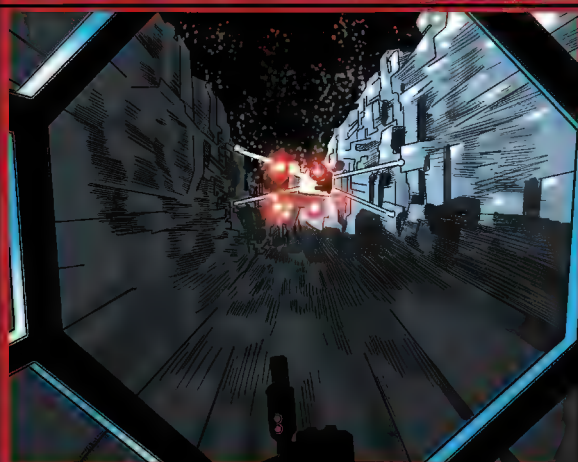
I AM  
ANGRY. YOU  
WOULD NOT HAVE  
ME OTHERWISE. MY  
ANGER BROUGHT  
ME TO YOU.

I WANT  
YOU TO KNOW--  
I WILL NOT  
FAIL.



AND I  
UNDERSTAND *US*  
PRECISELY.









HE  
WILL BE  
MINE.

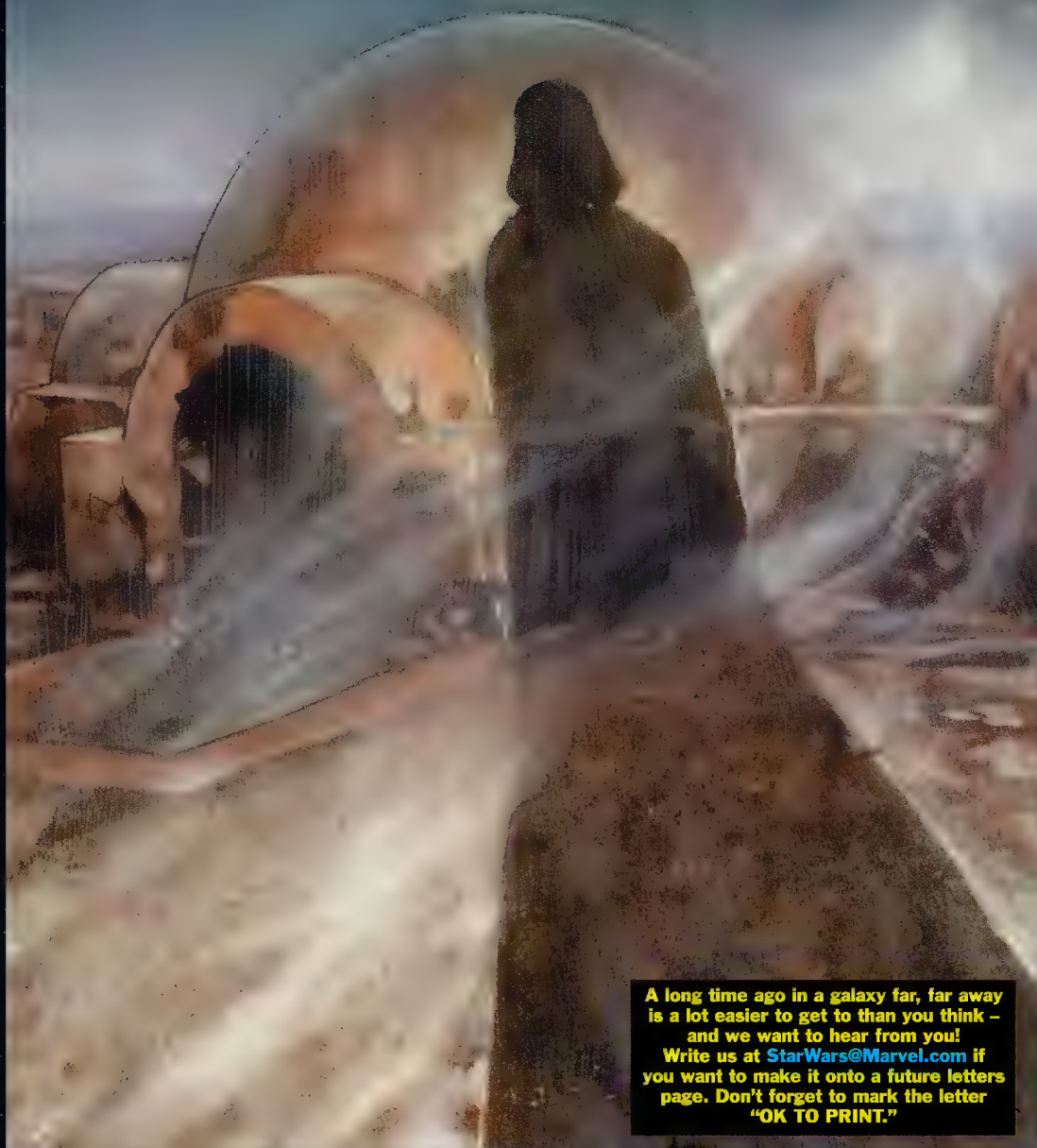
IT WILL  
ALL BE  
MINE.



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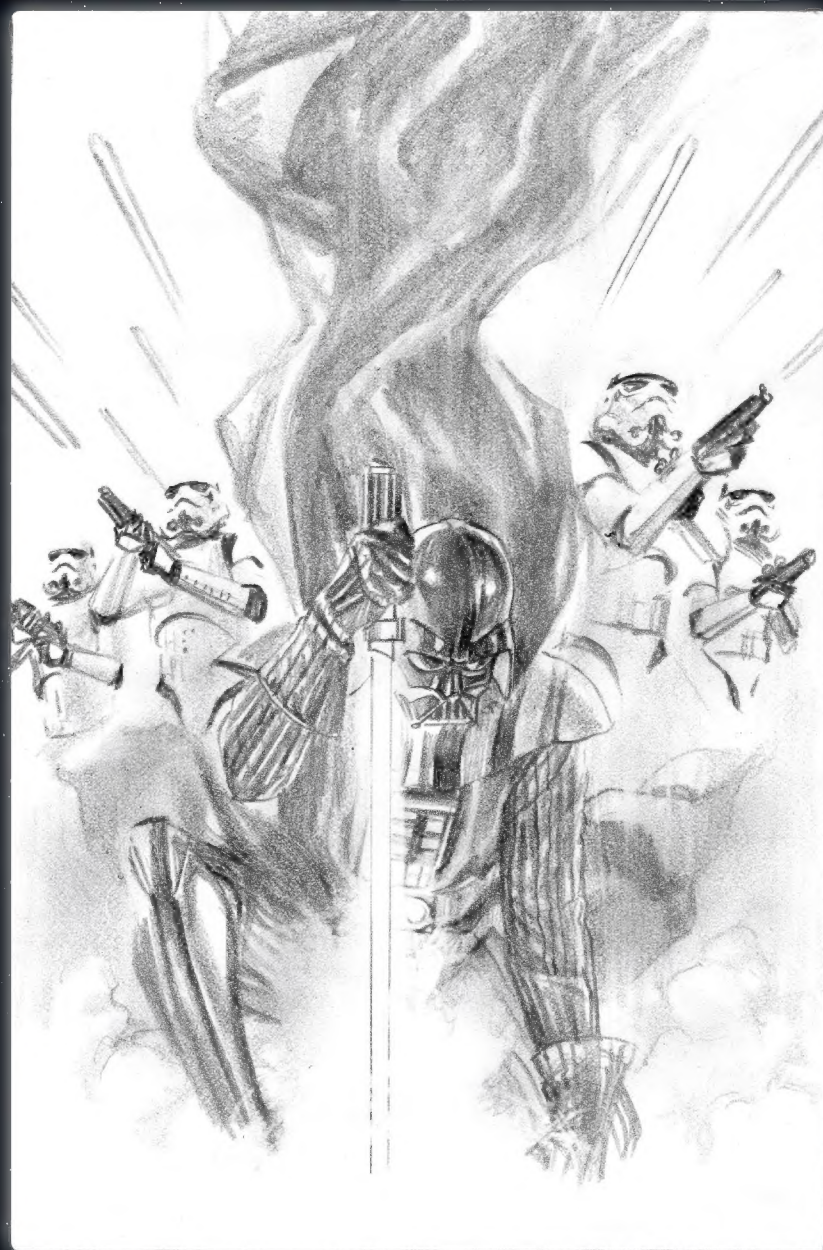
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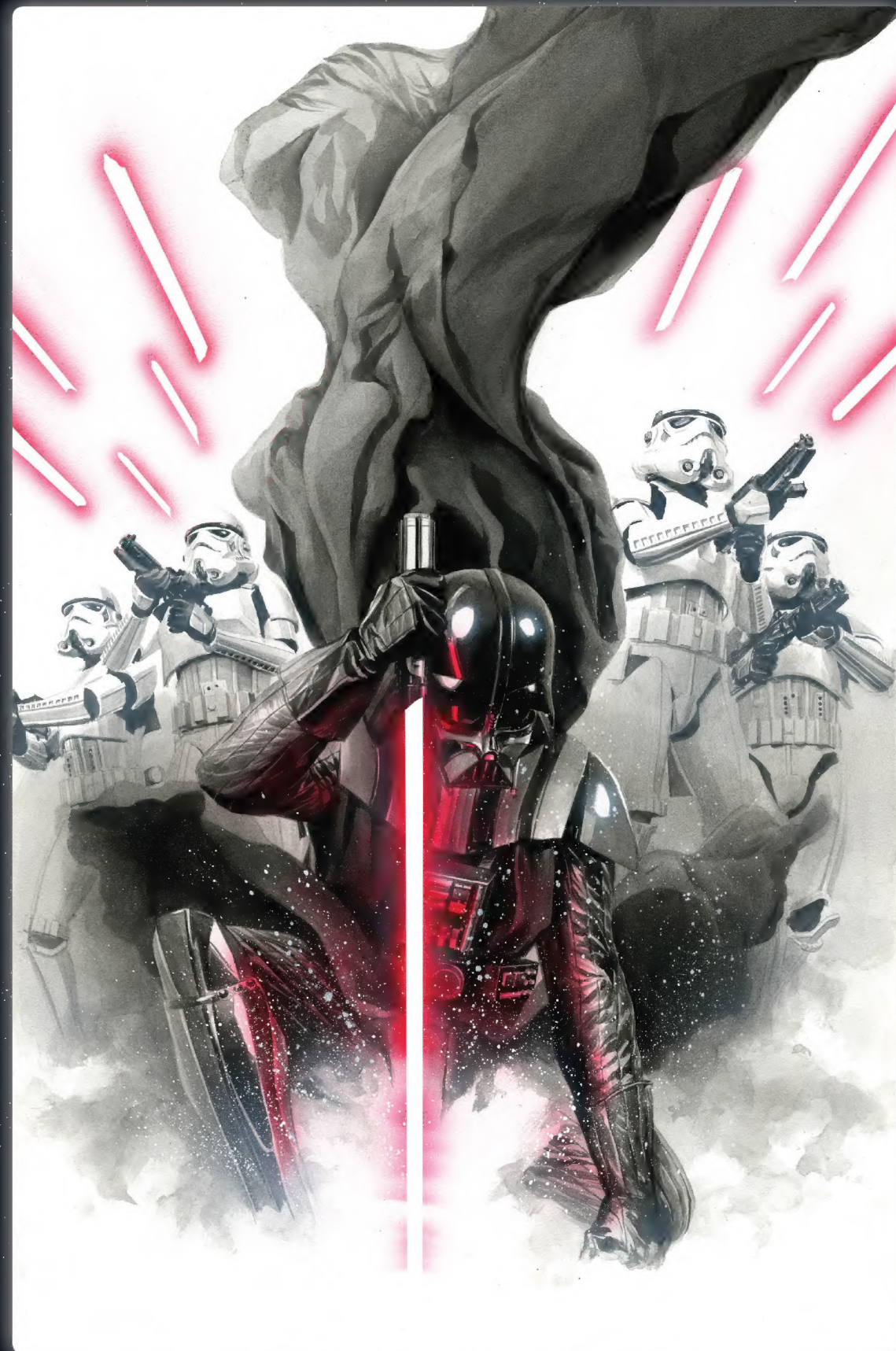




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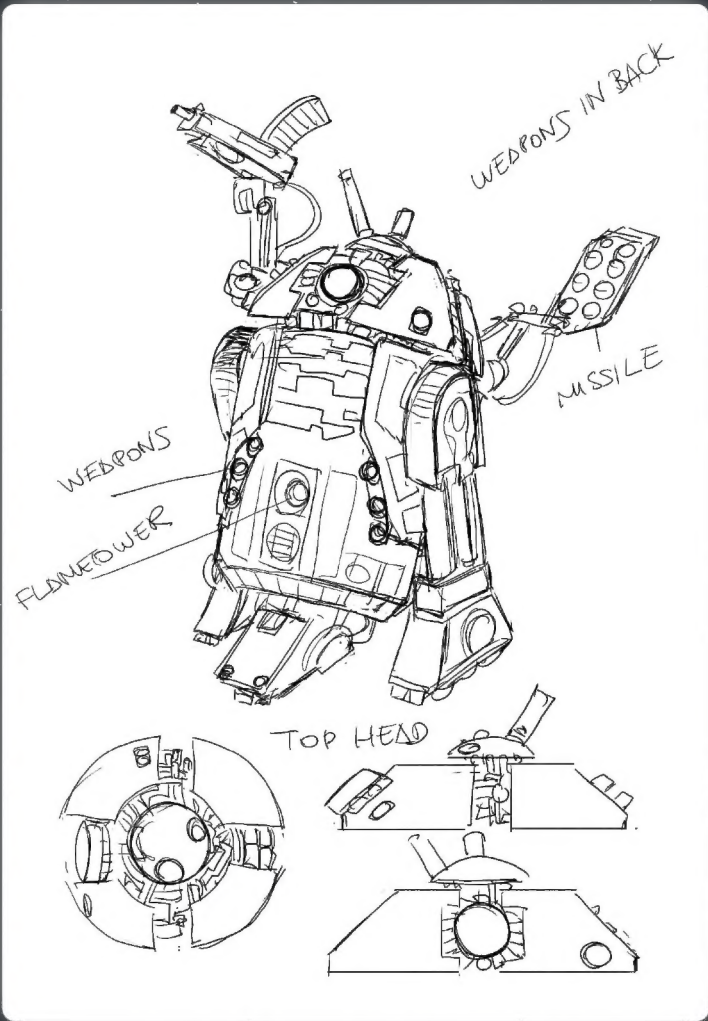
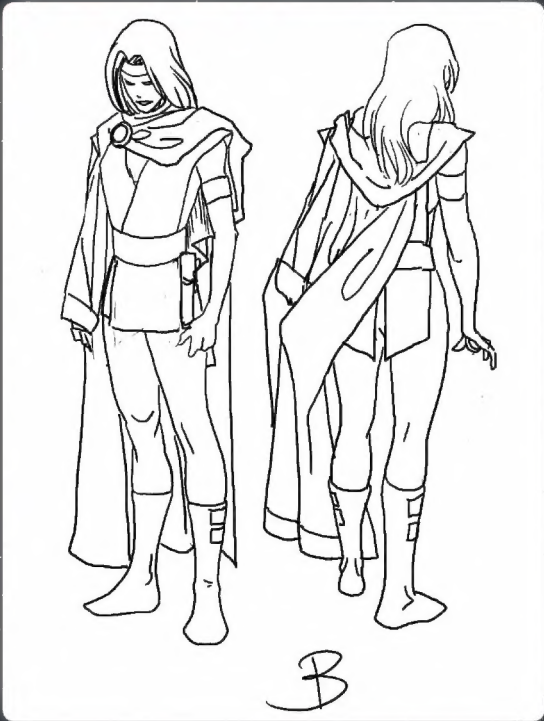
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